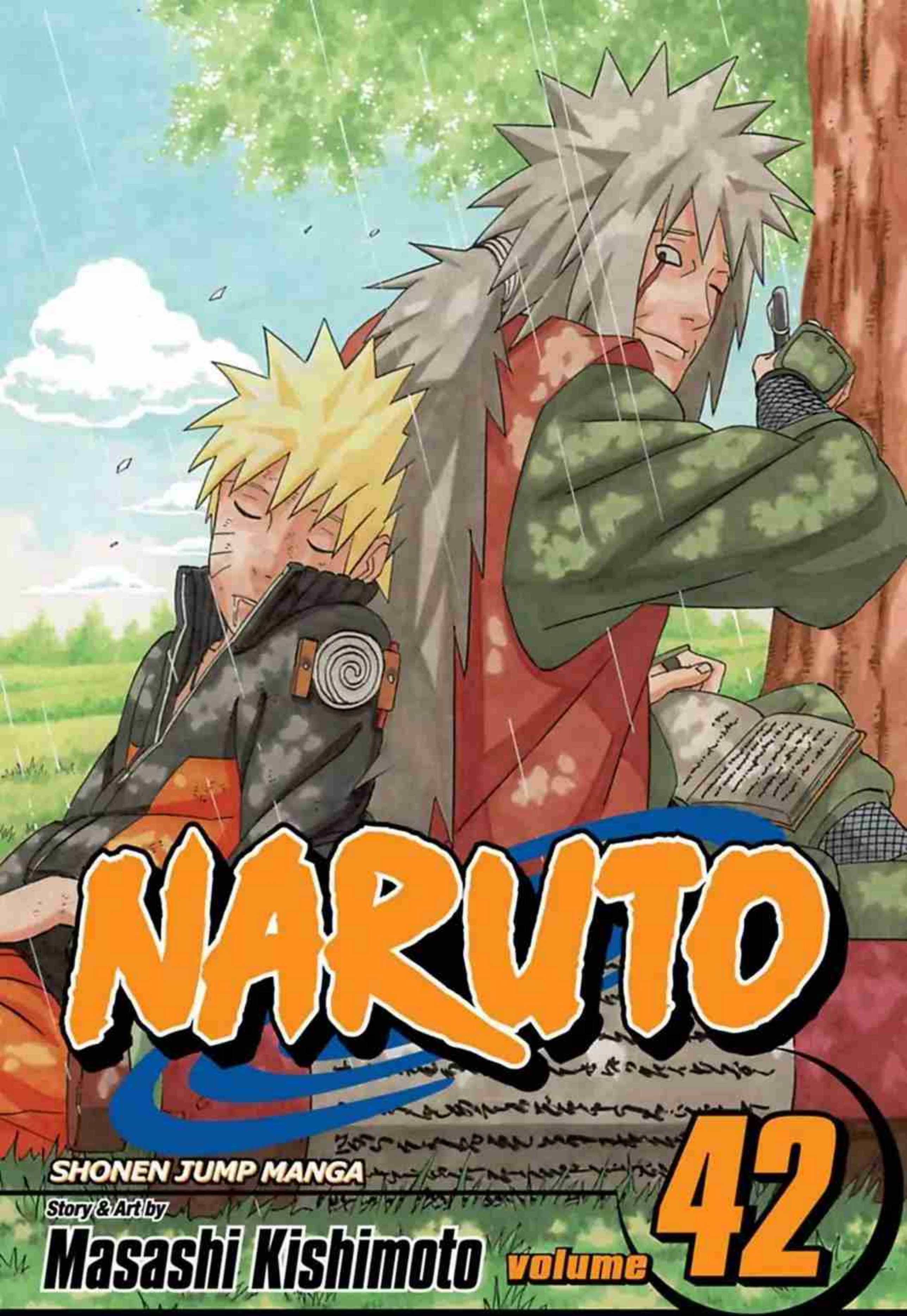
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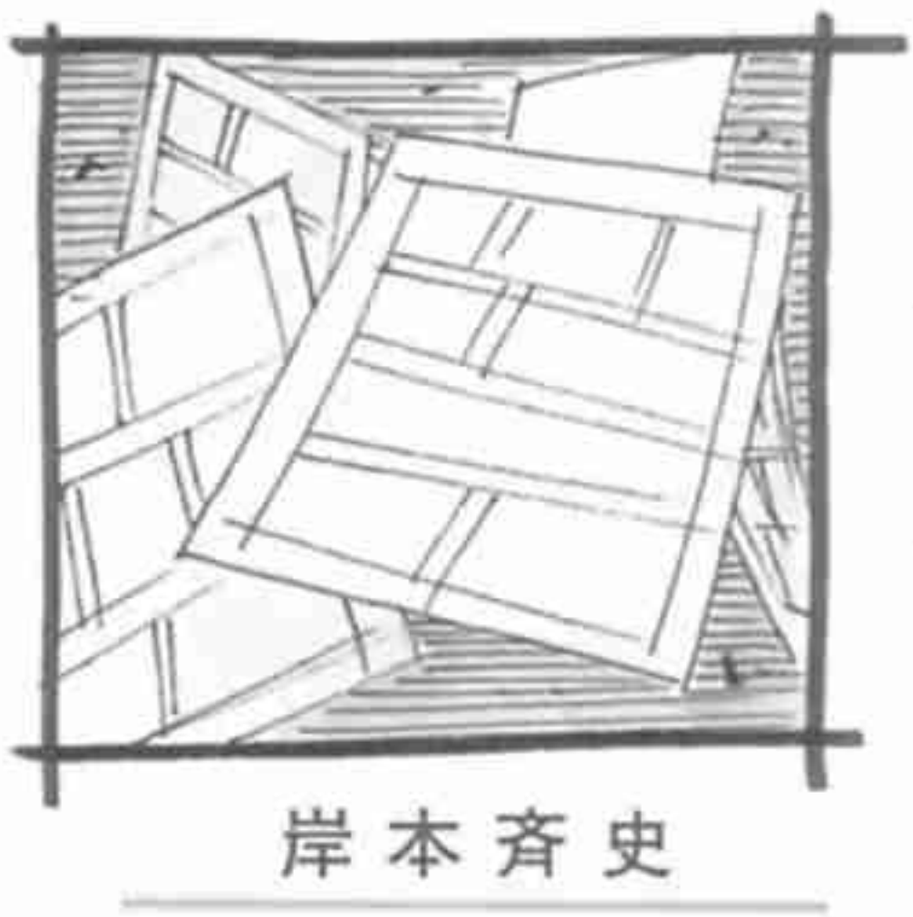

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Naruto has passed the 40-volume mark, becoming a long-term series. From here on out, I plan to keep working hard, with my eyes trained on the finish line!

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2008*

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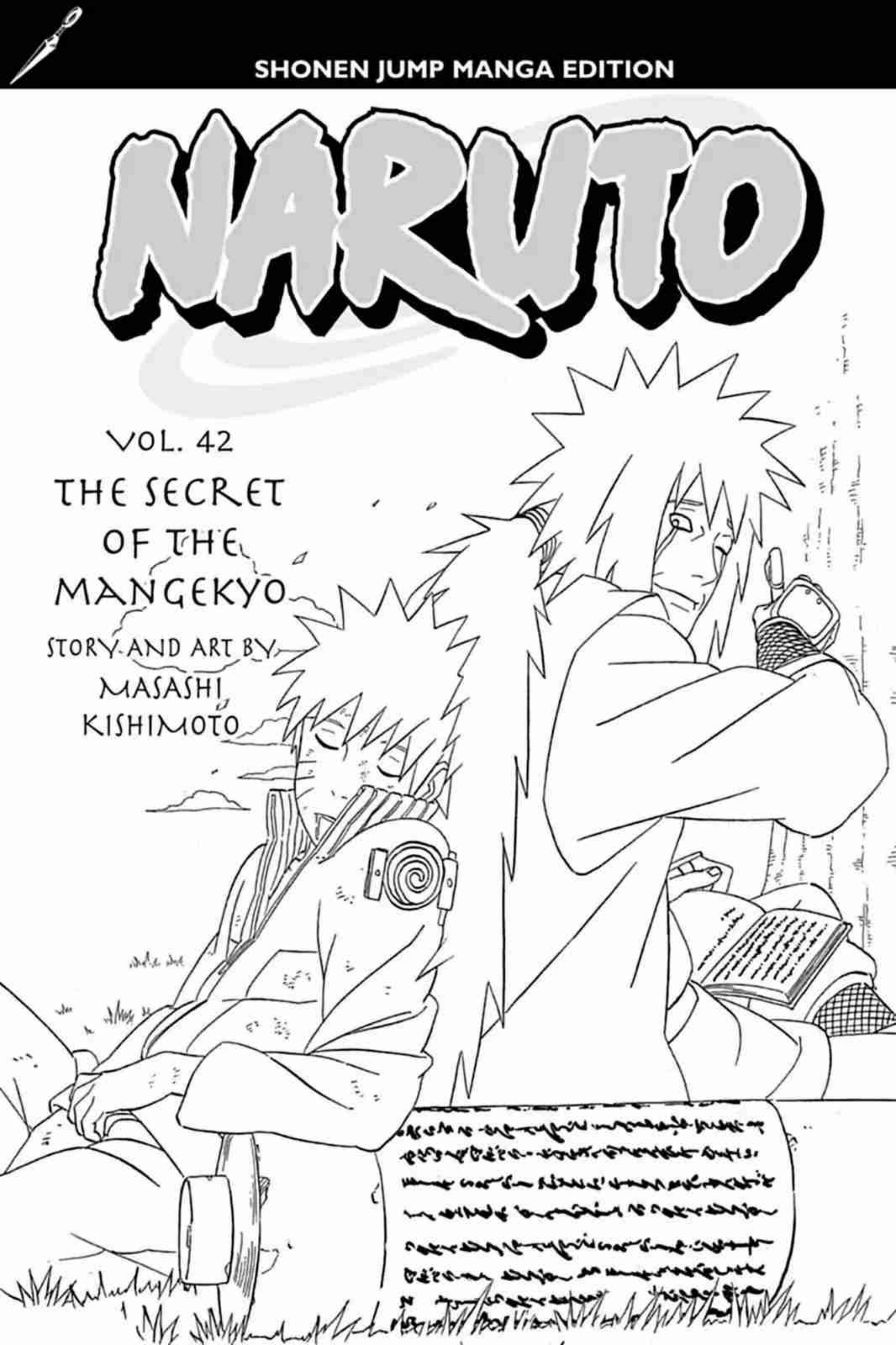

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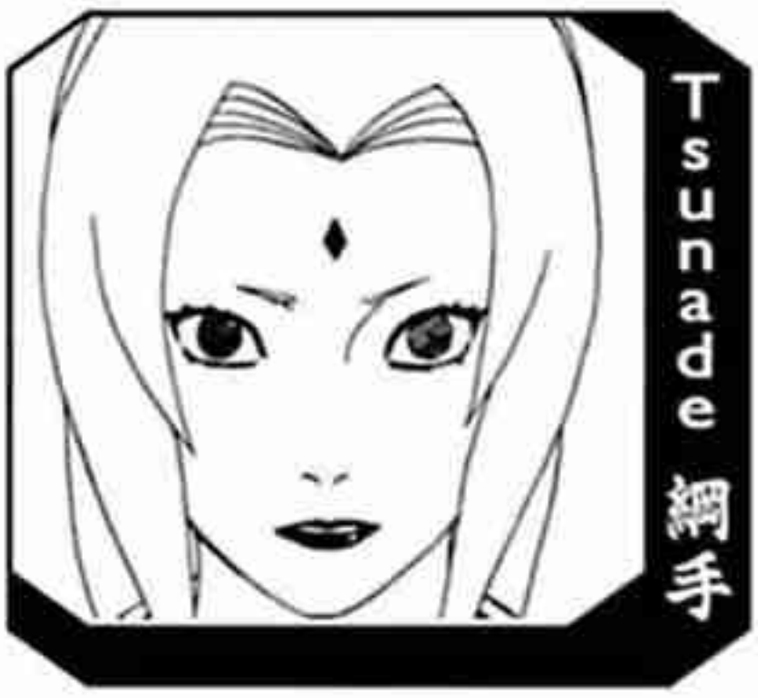
Tsunade 綱手

Jiraiya 自来也

THE STORY SO FAR...

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

Naruto's search for his former classmate and friend, Sasuke—now on a mission of vengeance against his own brother, Itachi—finally bears fruit, and the paths of these two young shinobi are poised to re-converge...

Jiraiya continues his top-secret mission within the Hidden Rain Village and discovers the true identity of the Akatsuki's enigmatic leader, Pain—who turns out to be none other than one of Jiraiya's former disciples!

When Pain reveals his quest to create the ultimate jutsu capable of ending all wars by wreaking havoc and causing rampant destruction, Jiraiya is forced to kill his former student in order to save the world. But as he soon discovers, Pain **never** dies...

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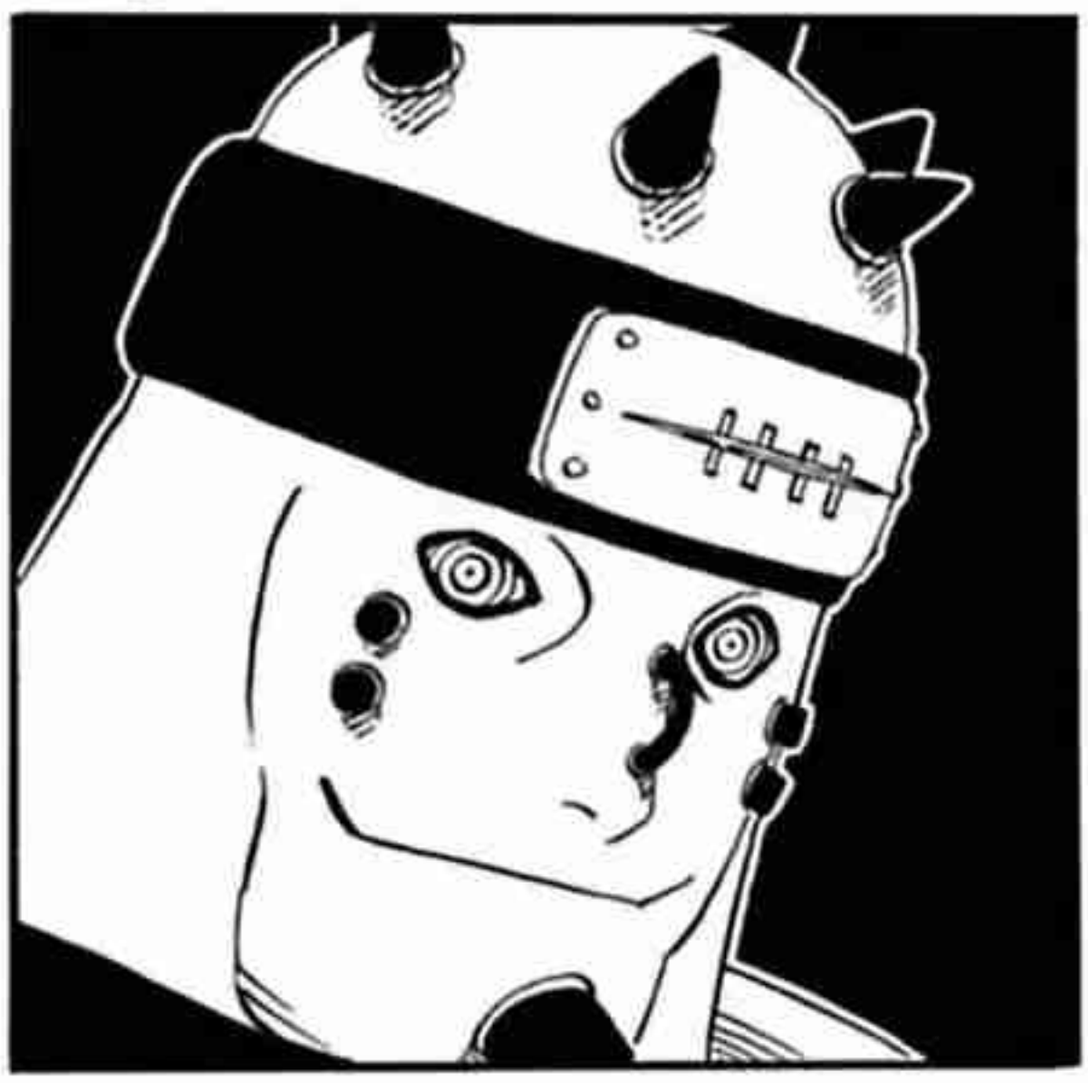
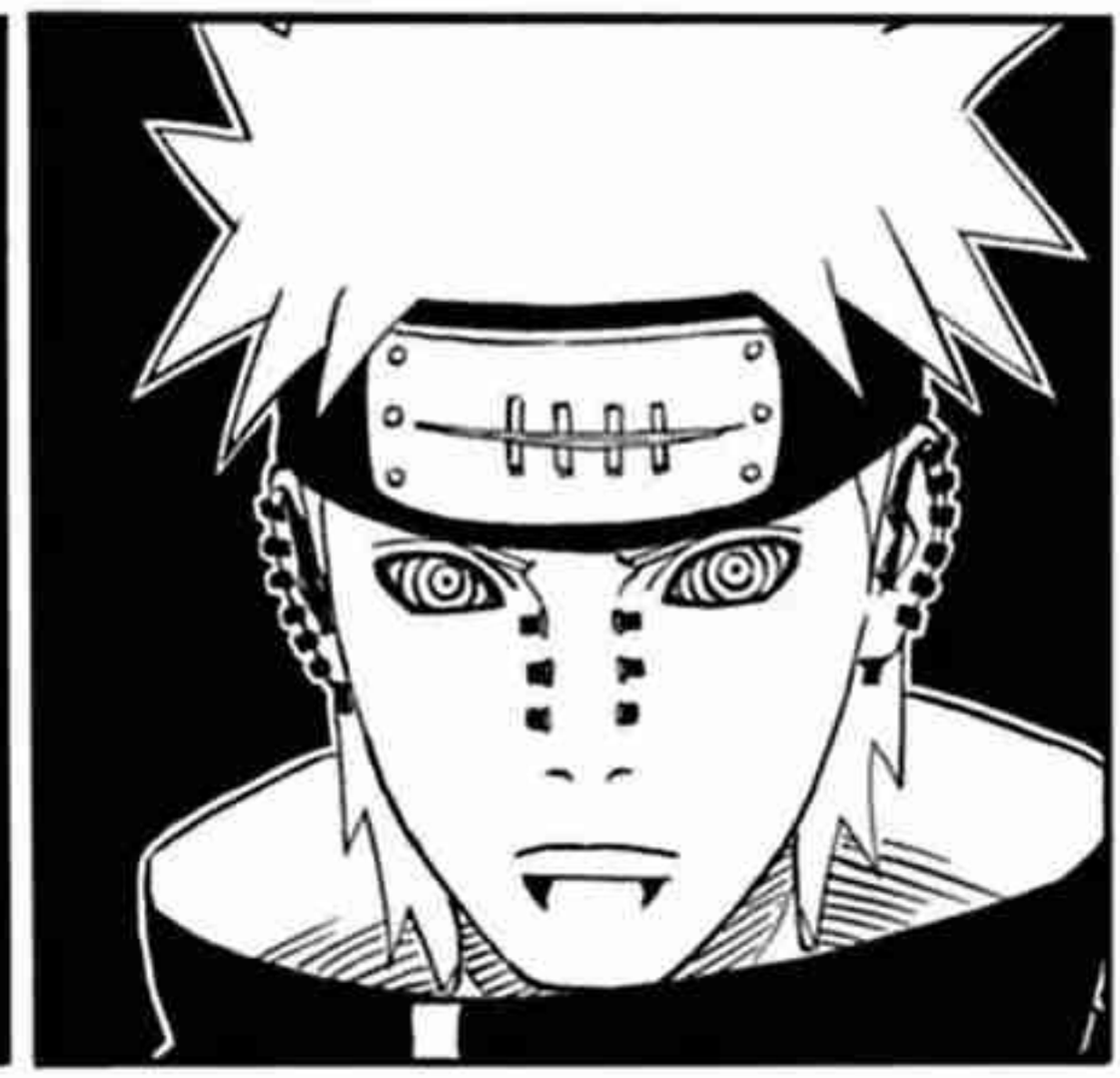
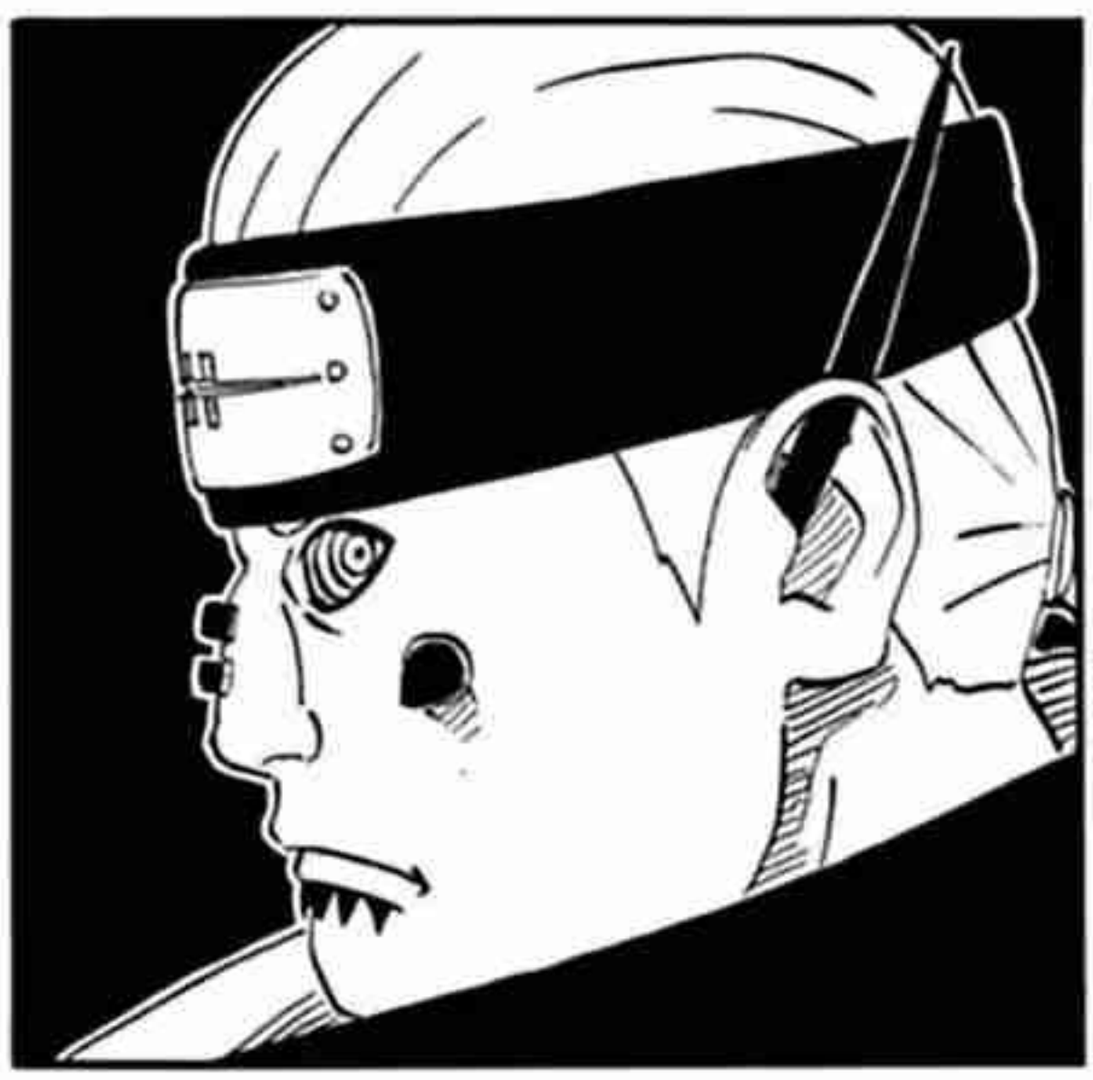
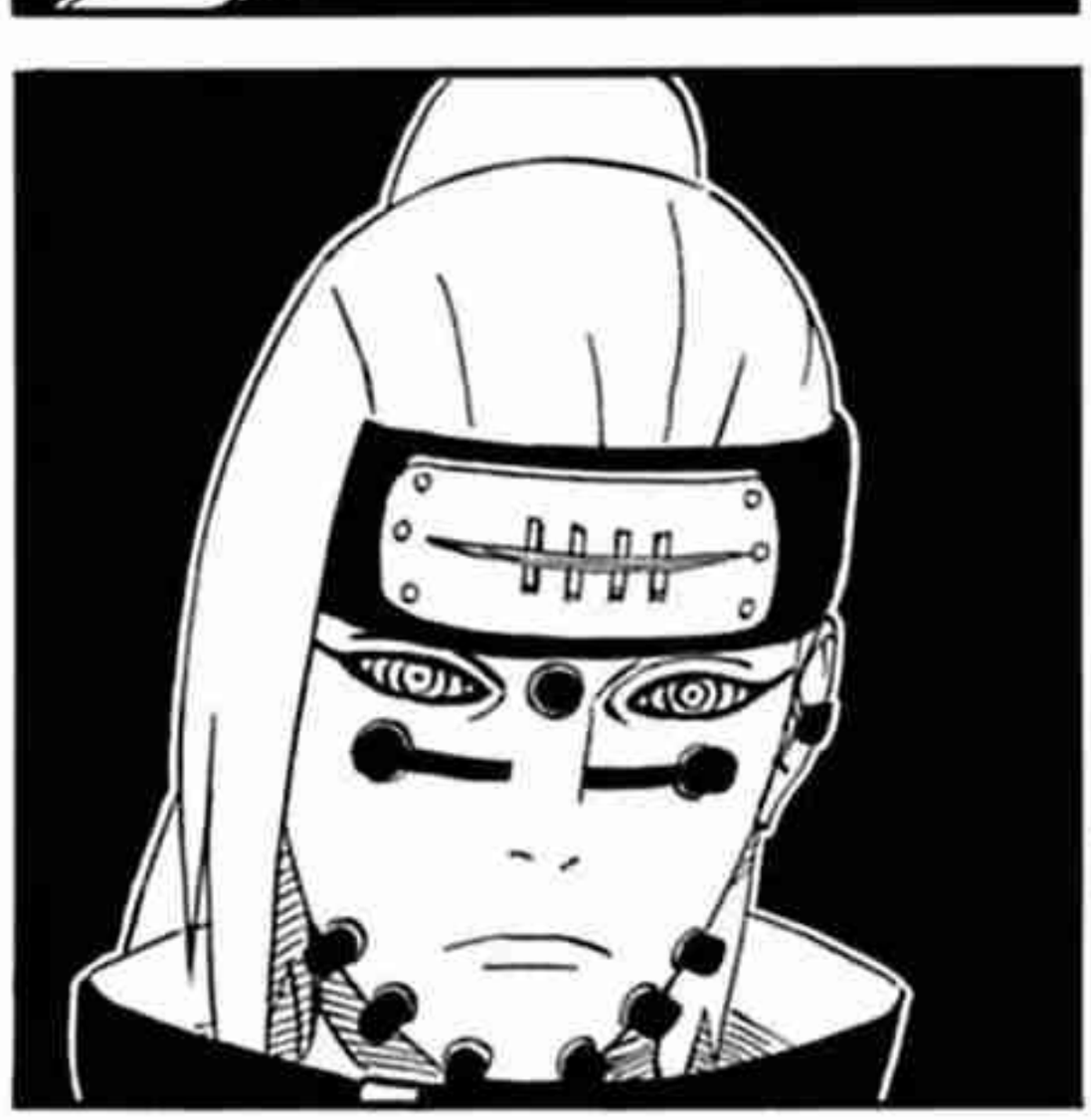
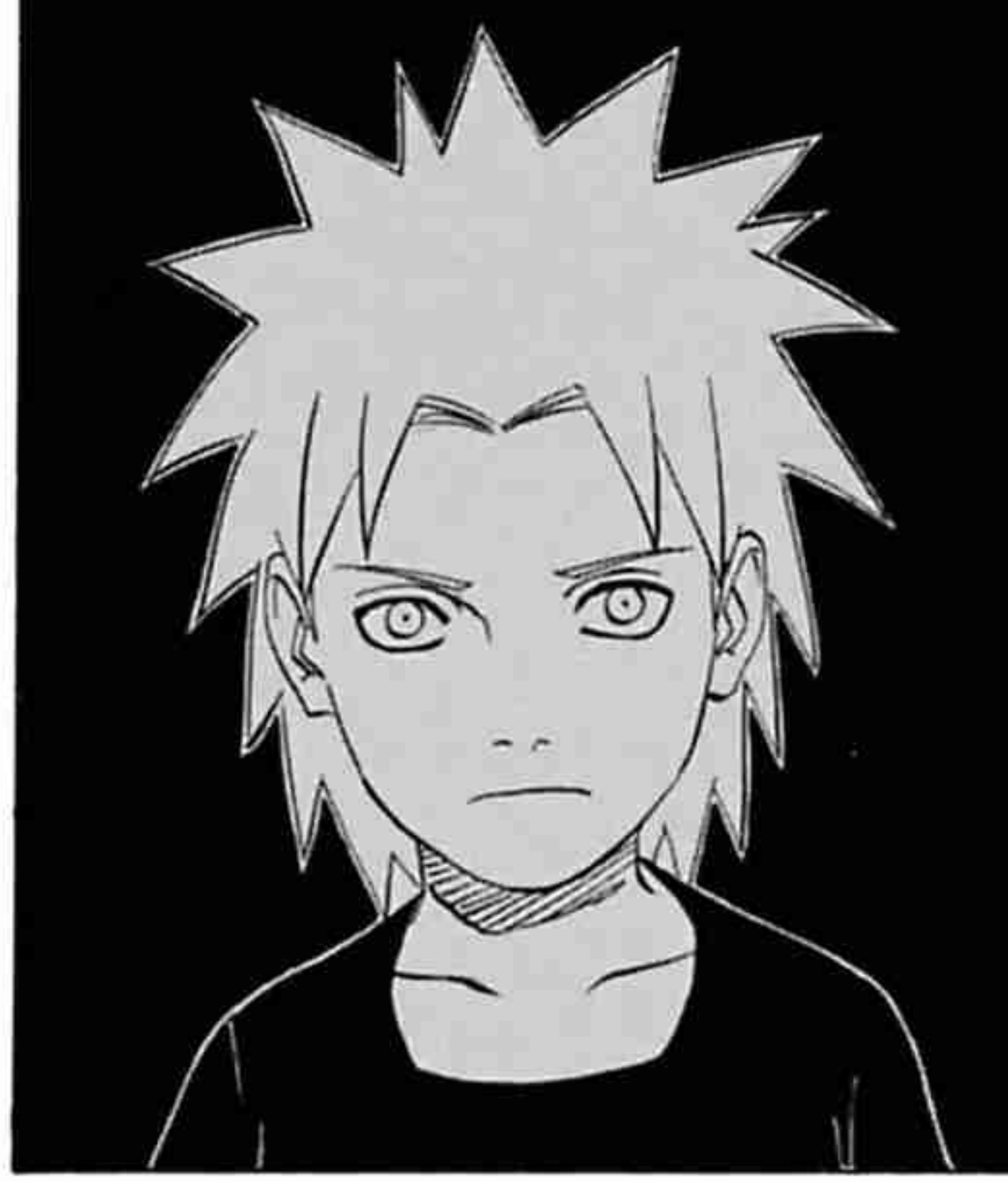










IS THAT YOU, YAHIKO ...?
...YOU... THAT FACE...

PLUS, THOSE EYES...
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YAHIKO DIED...

HE DIED A LONG TIME AGO.
AAH... THERE WAS SUCH A FELLOW, WASN'T THERE.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS PAIN.

...BUT YAHIKO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

YOU REALLY ARE HIS FORMER TEACHER.

YOU SEE IN ME YAHIKO'S IMAGE?

ANOTHER FORMER DISCIPLE IS ALSO AMONG THEM.

EXCEPT HE DIDN'T USE TO HAVE THOSE PUPILS...

WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT, JIRAIYA-BOY?

QUIT IT WITH THE WORDPLAY!

WHY DO *YOU* POSSESS THE RINNEGAN?!

...BUT HE'S SUBTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE NAGATO I KNEW...

NO... THAT'S WRONG, TOO... WHEN I SAW THE RINNEGAN, I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT THE FIRST FELLOW WAS NAGATO...

THUD

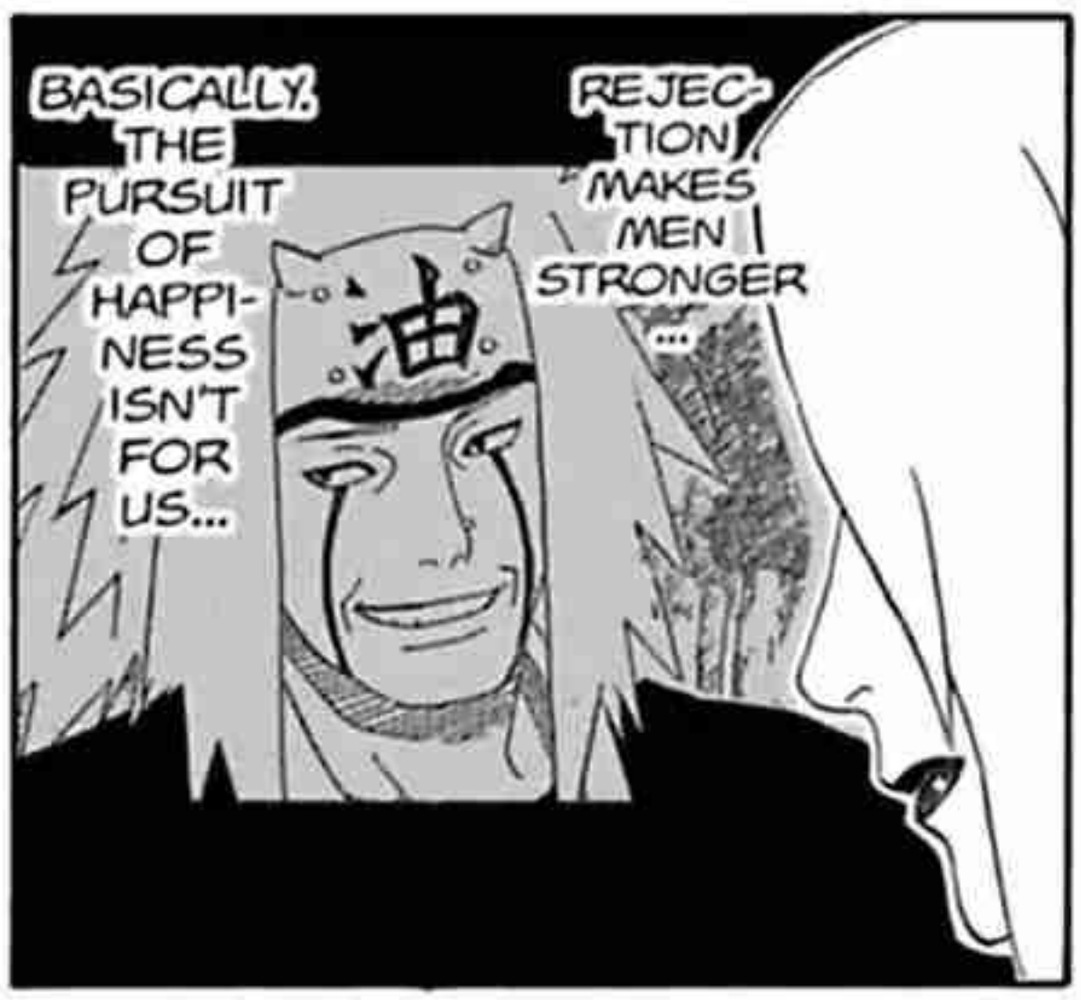
?!

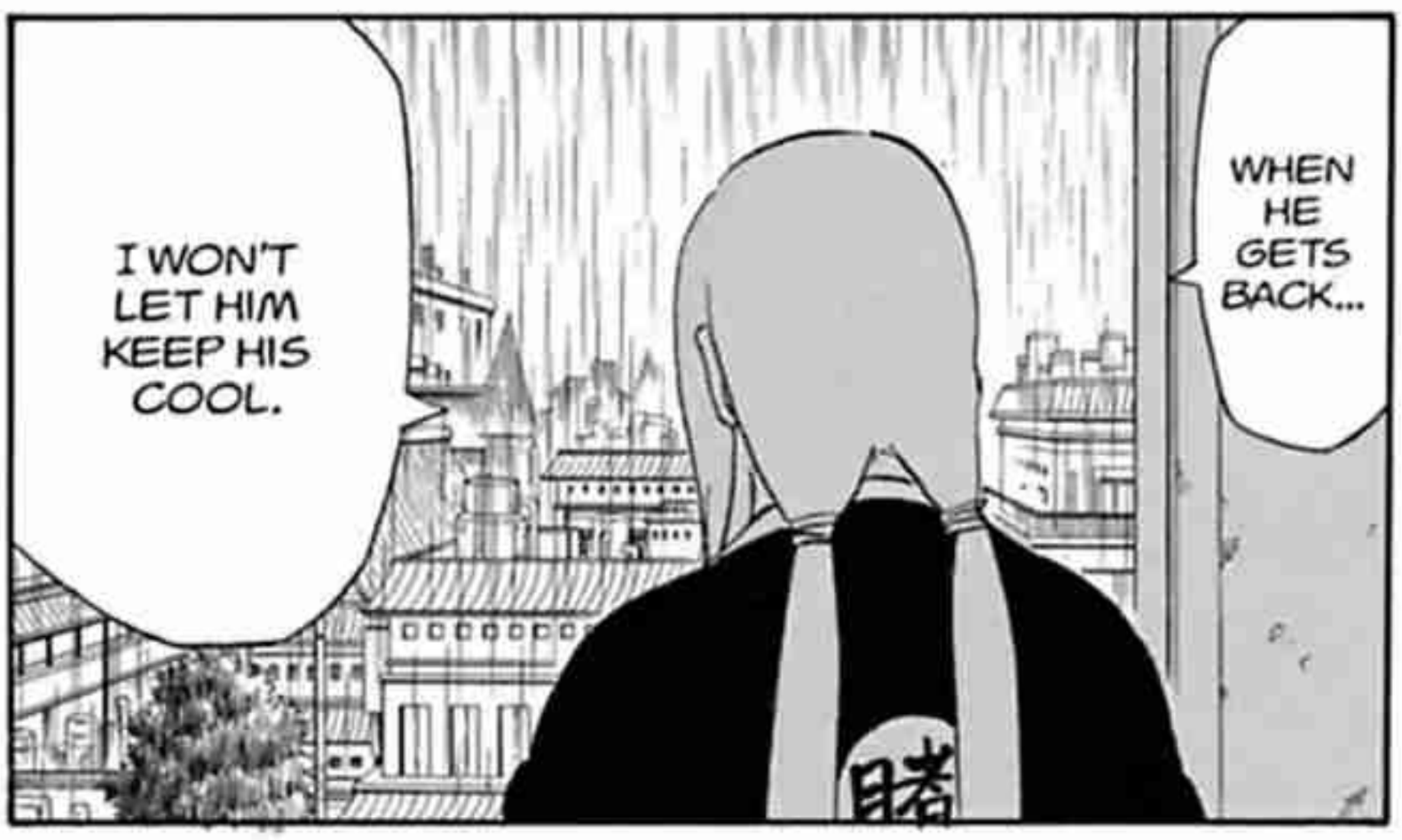
...AND WE ARE A GOD!

THUD

THAT'S WHAT I BET HIM.

'CUZ I NEVER WIN.





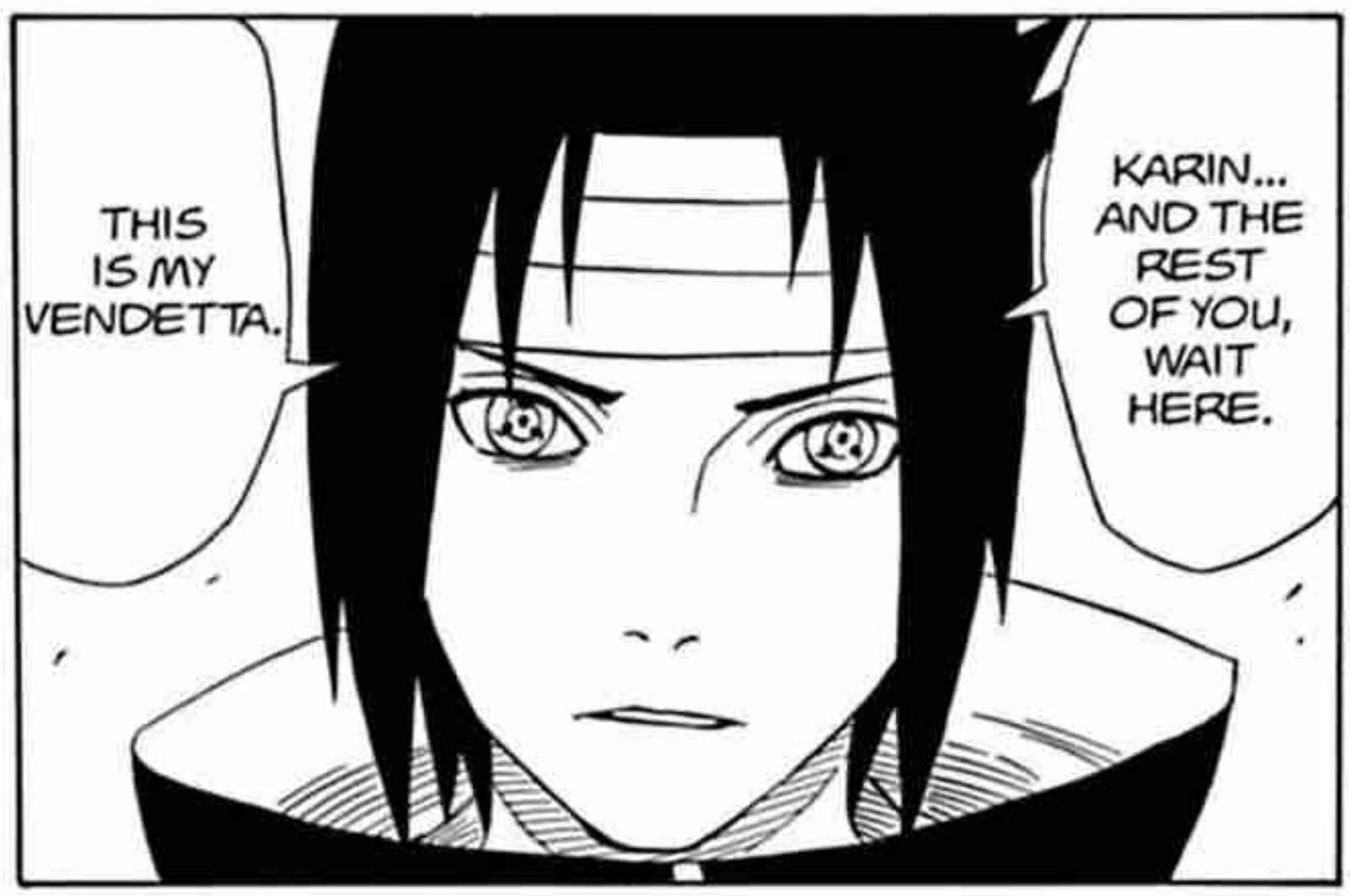
READ THIS WAY
AND FAST TOO!
A HUMON-GOUS CHAKRA!
IN-COM-ING!!
!!
SHOOM...
WHRR...
!!
YOU'RE ...!
SCREECH
THUP

ONLY SASUKE, ALONE, BEYOND THIS POINT, PLEASE.

...BUT IF YOU INSIST ON FORCING YOUR WAY PAST ME...
...THE KID GLOVES WILL COME OFF.
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN FIGHT-ING YOU...

LET'S TAKE HIM DOWN AND GO IN TOGETHER !!
NO, SASUKE!

GAH...


THIS IS MY VENDETTA.
KARIN... AND THE REST OF YOU, WAIT HERE.

THUP

...AND THE BROAD-SWORD SAMEHADA, THE SHARK-SKIN...
HOSHI-GAKI KISAME...

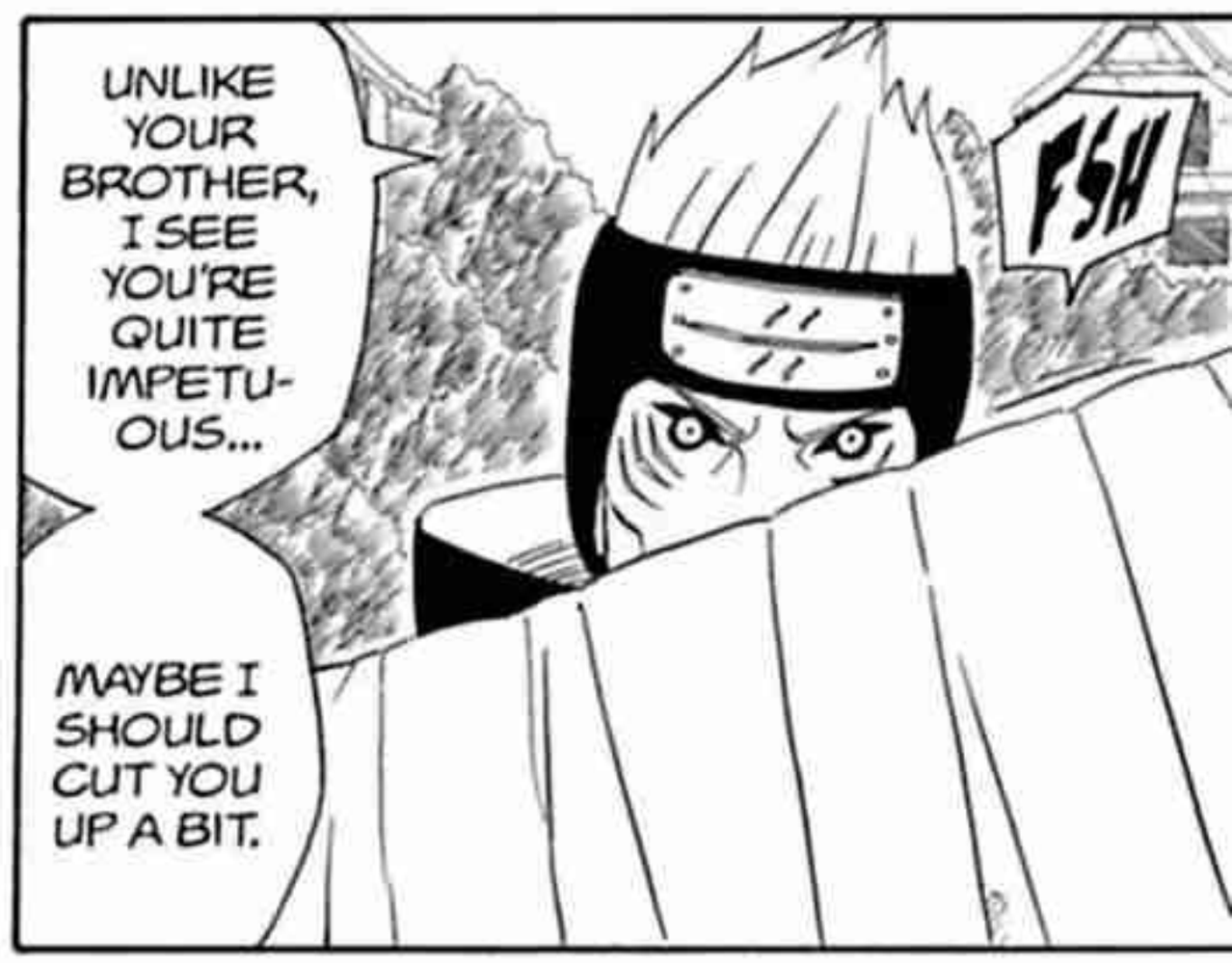
HOZUKI SUIGETSU?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF HOZUKI MANGETSU...
WHOOO

...!

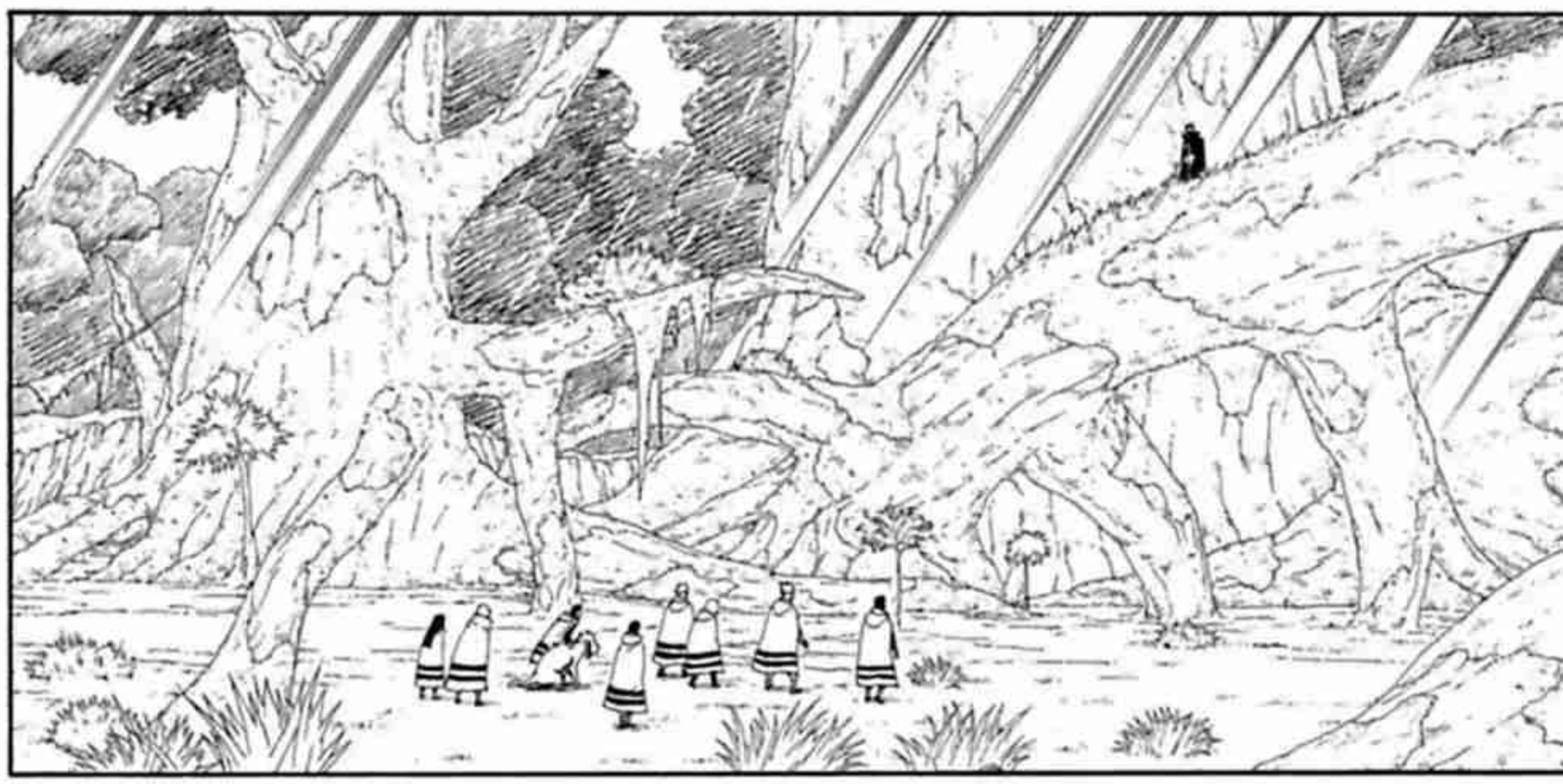
...SO CARE TO PLAY AROUND WITH ME...
FSH
WAITING AROUND FOR SASUKE TO RETURN WOULD JUST BE SO BORING...
...MASTER KISAME?!
SHANK

AAH... I DIDN'T EVEN RECOG-NIZE YOU!
YOU SURE HAVE GROWN, SUIGETSU.

SUIGETSU... SHOULDN'T YOU OBEY SASUKE'S ORDERS?
ARGH, YOU'RE SUCH A DUNCE!!


UNLIKE YOUR BROTHER, I SEE YOU'RE QUITE IMPETU-OUS...
FSH
MAYBE I SHOULD CUT YOU UP A BIT.

"FOX"
狐
...HOW MUCH CAN YOU ACTUALLY SEE?
THOSE SHARIN-GAN...



THOUGH HE WASN'T ON THAT ROSTER KABUTO GAVE US...

YOU'RE AKATSUKI AS WELL!
THOSE ROBES ...

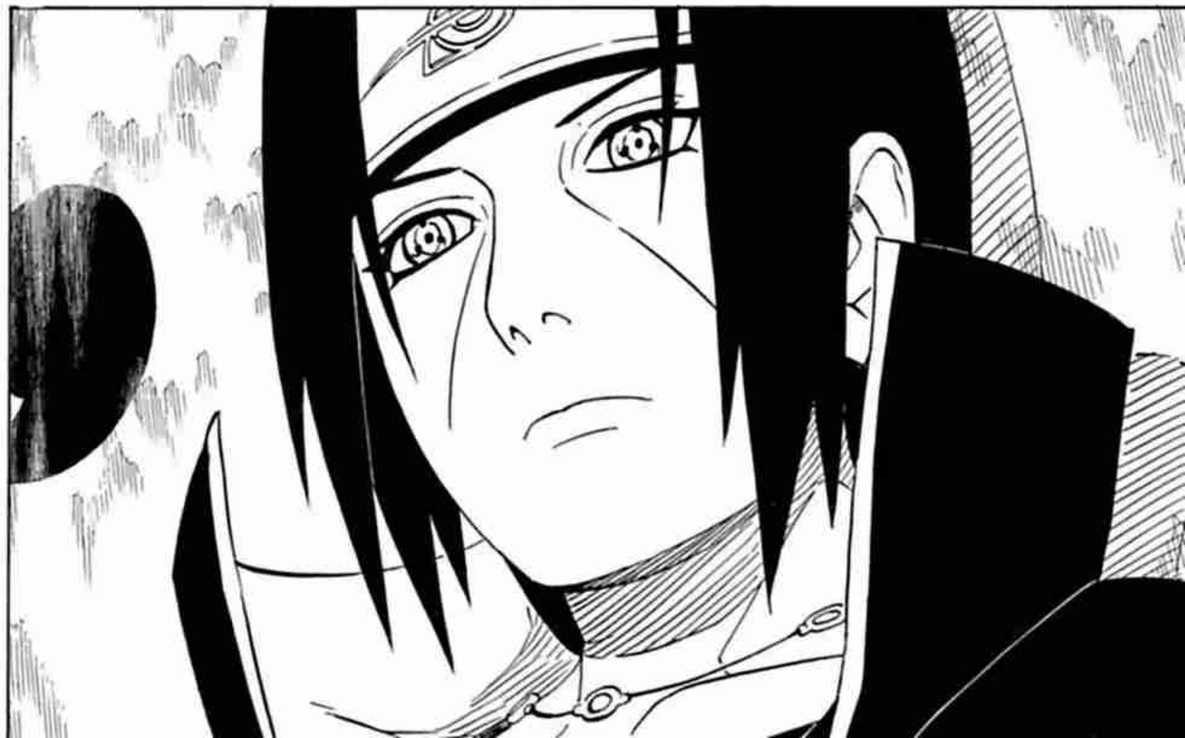
AND EIGHT AGAINST ONE, TO BOOT. WHAT BAD LUCK... HA HA...
OH MY, I CAN'T BELIEVE I BUMPED INTO YOU KONOHA FOLK HERE...

WOOF WOOF!
FEH! GIVE ME A BREAK! DROP THE ACT!!
I'M KINDA NEW, NICE TO MEET YA!
SO THIS IS AKATSUKI, EH...
OH DEAR... MOCKING ME?
WE NEED TO WAIT AND SEE...
DON'T BE RASH...
...WE DON'T HAVE A NUMBERS ADVAN-TAGE.
!
ANOTHER WEIRDO... I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW THEY KEEP GETTING BETWEEN US AND SASUKE OVER AND OVER AGAIN...!

A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER?!
GET OUTTA OUR WAY!!
AAARGH!!

READ THIS WAY
JUST KIDDING ...
?!
RUNT
?!
?!
WHAT I'M SEEING RIGHT NOW...
SHUP
HOW MUCH CAN I SEE WITH THESE?

...ITACHI, IS YOU DEAD AT MY FEET.



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Number 381: True Identities...!!

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UGH...

GLUP

GLUP

ZIZZLE...

...UGH... SOME-WHAT...
VRRNK
SHAK
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LAD?

...AND I BARELY MANAGE TO SNAG ONE, EH...
I TRY TO DRAG YOU ALL INTO MY BARRIER...
HUF
HUF

MY CHAKRA'S AGITATED!!
MY BODY ...?!!

VZZ
HMM
!!

VWEEN
SHK
UGH!

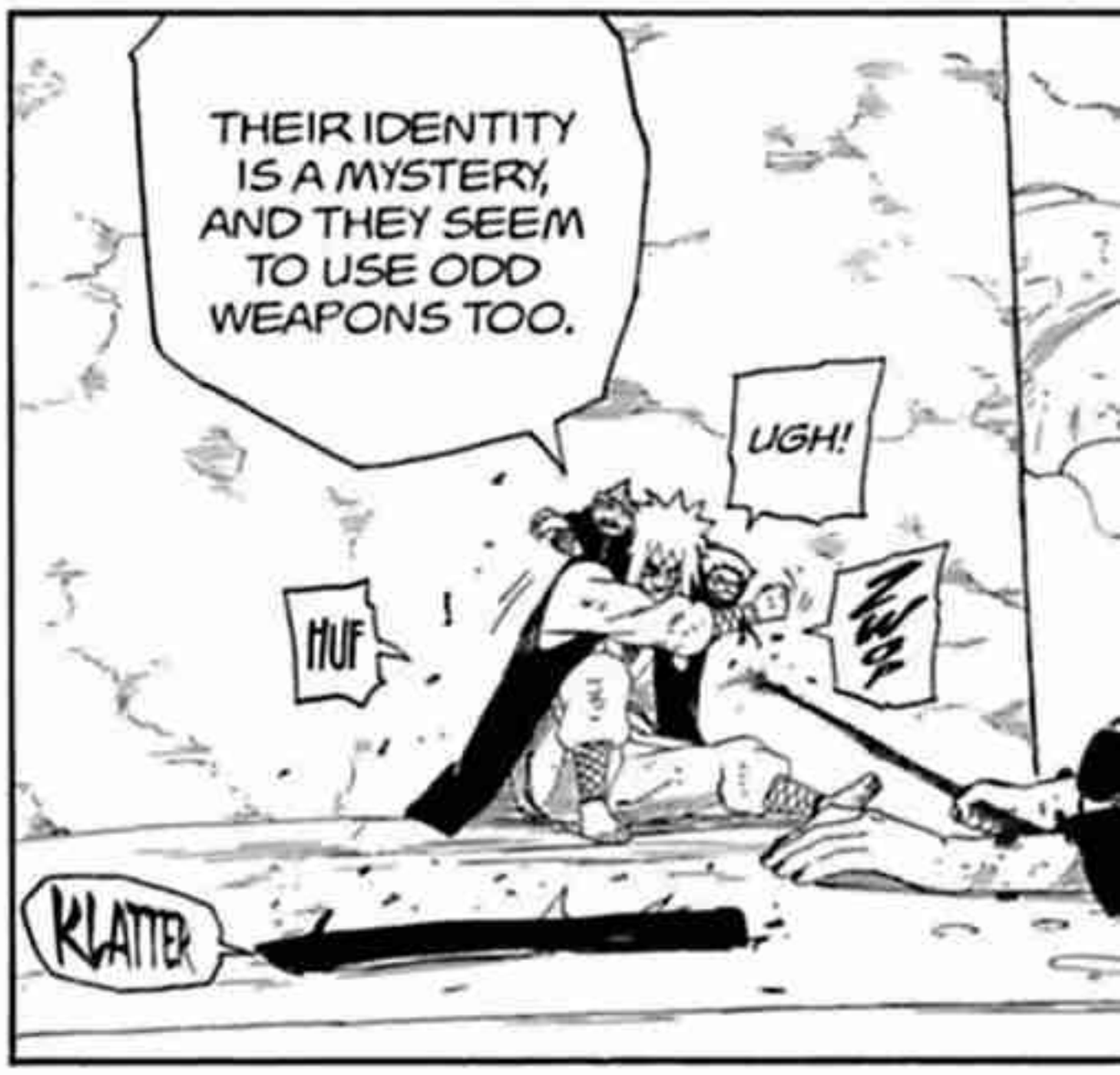
IS IT THAT ?!

!

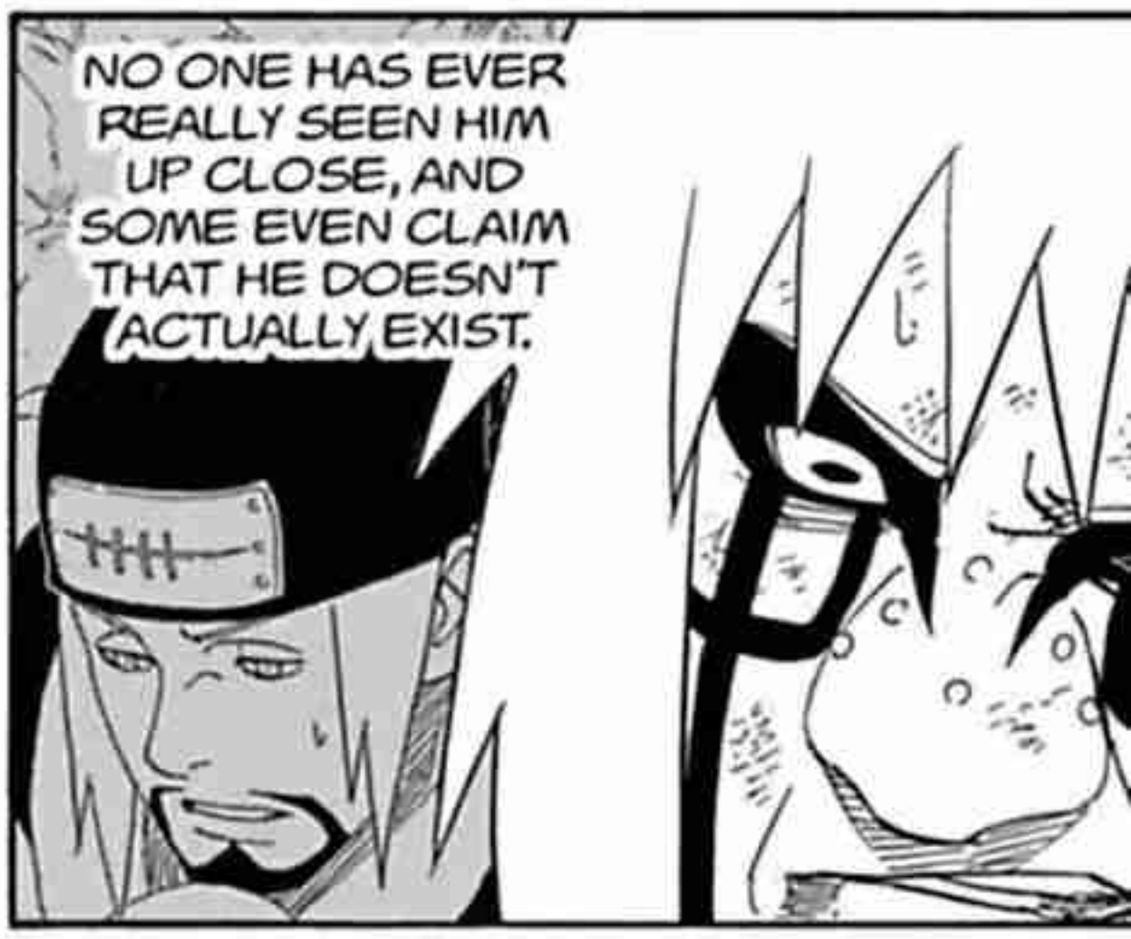
PKANG

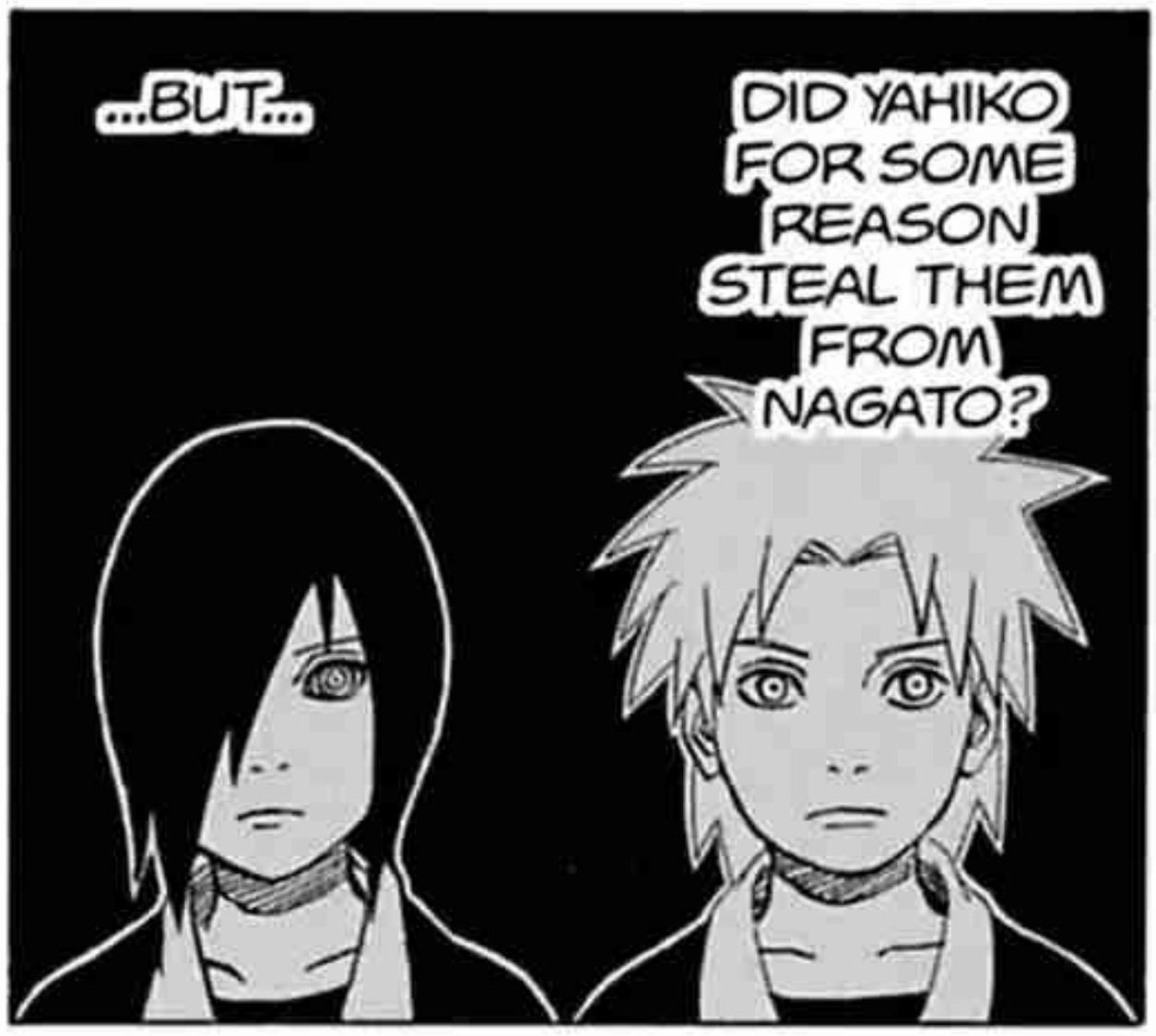
WOOF

THEY'RE NO LONGER MORTAL... THEY'RE SOME-THING ELSE.
SHOOT
OW...
THUMP

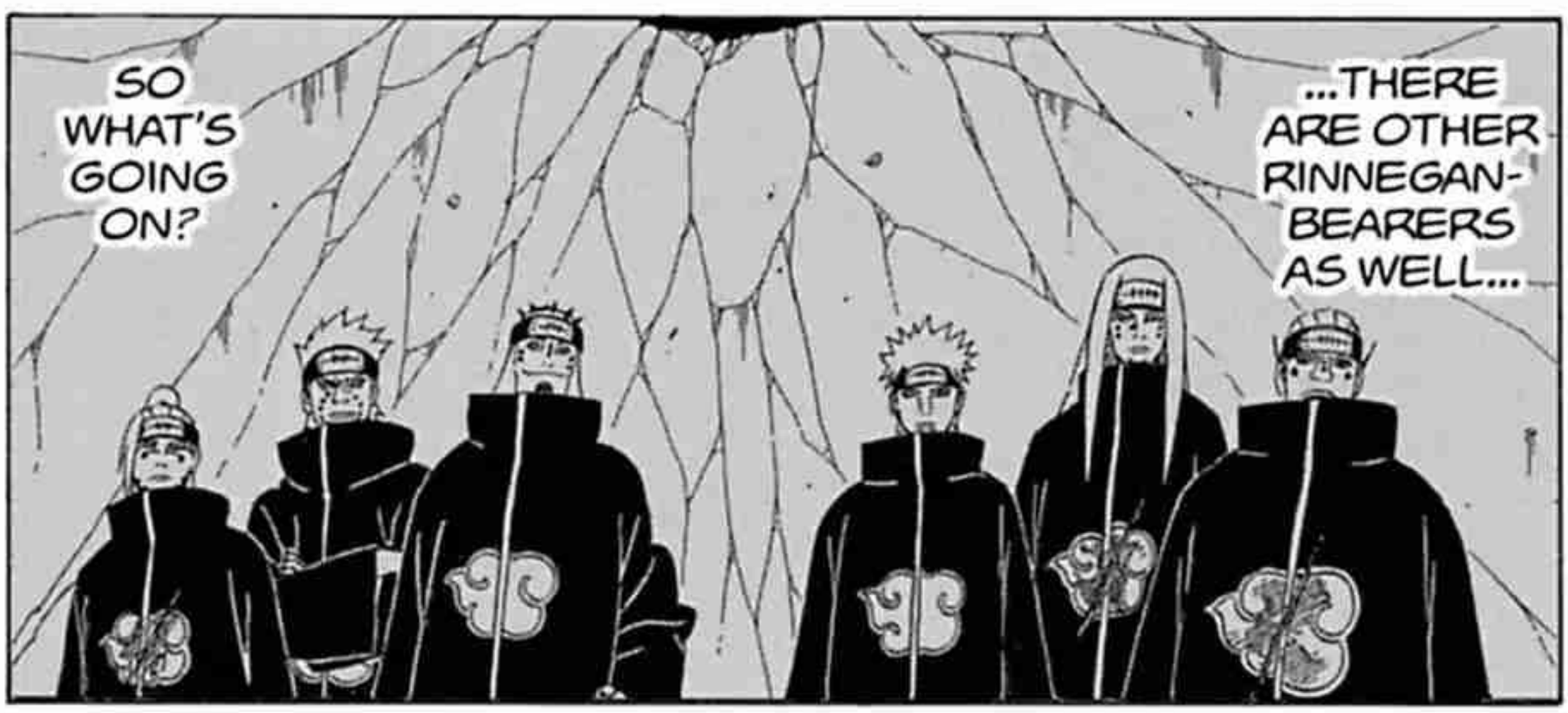

THEIR IDENTITY IS A MYSTERY, AND THEY SEEM TO USE ODD WEAPONS TOO.
UGH!
HUF
KLATTER

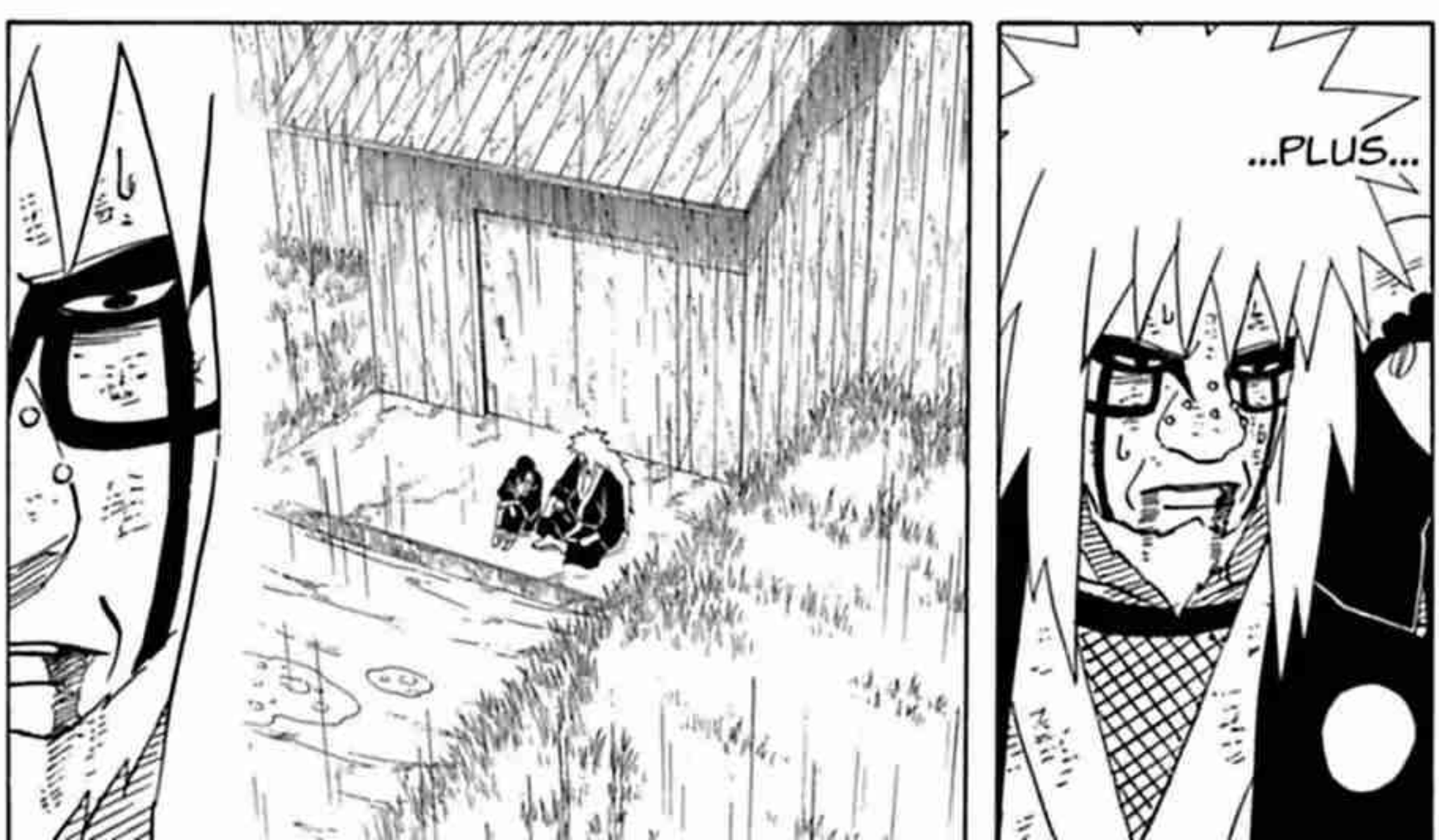
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT, HE'S YAHIKO.
BUT THAT FACE ...


NO ONE HAS EVER REALLY SEEN HIM UP CLOSE, AND SOME EVEN CLAIM THAT HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY EXIST.

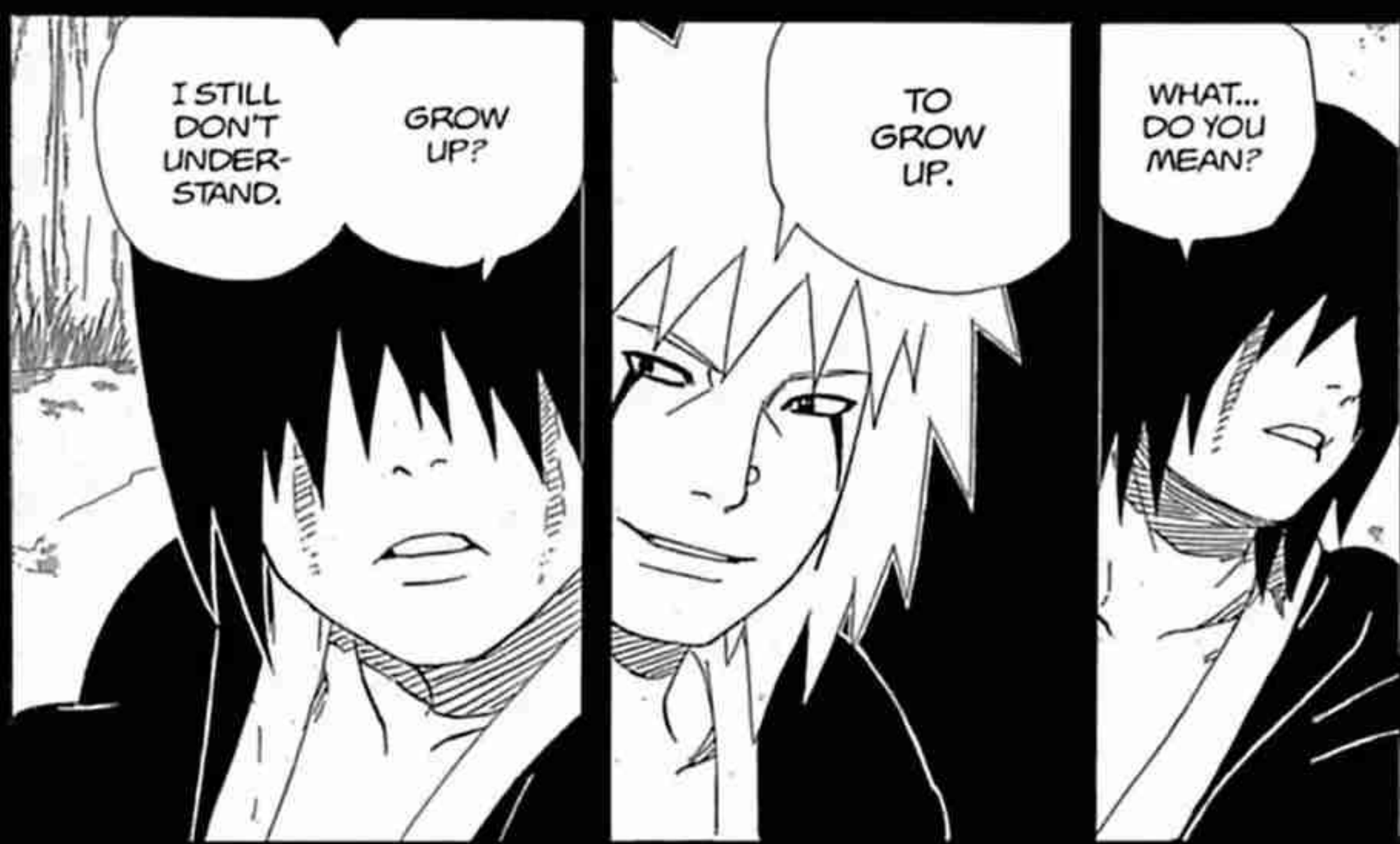

...BUT...
DID YAHIKO FOR SOME REASON STEAL THEM FROM NAGATO?

AND YET HE HAS NAGATO'S RINNE-GAN...


SO WHAT'S GOING ON?
...THERE ARE OTHER RINNEGAN-BEARERS AS WELL...


...PLUS...

...
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.
BUT IT IS BECAUSE ONE UNDERSTANDS SUCH PAIN THAT GENEROSITY TOWARD OTHERS BECOMES SECOND NATURE.


I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND.
GROW UP?
TO GROW UP.
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?

...
TO BECOME ABLE TO THINK AND MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS.

...

THE PAIN FORCED ME TO GROW UP.
THERE WERE TOO MANY DEATHS IN THIS LAND.

Ffffff...

IN WHICH CASE, DOES THAT MEAN HE IS NAGATO ...?
WRRRLE

!!

...!

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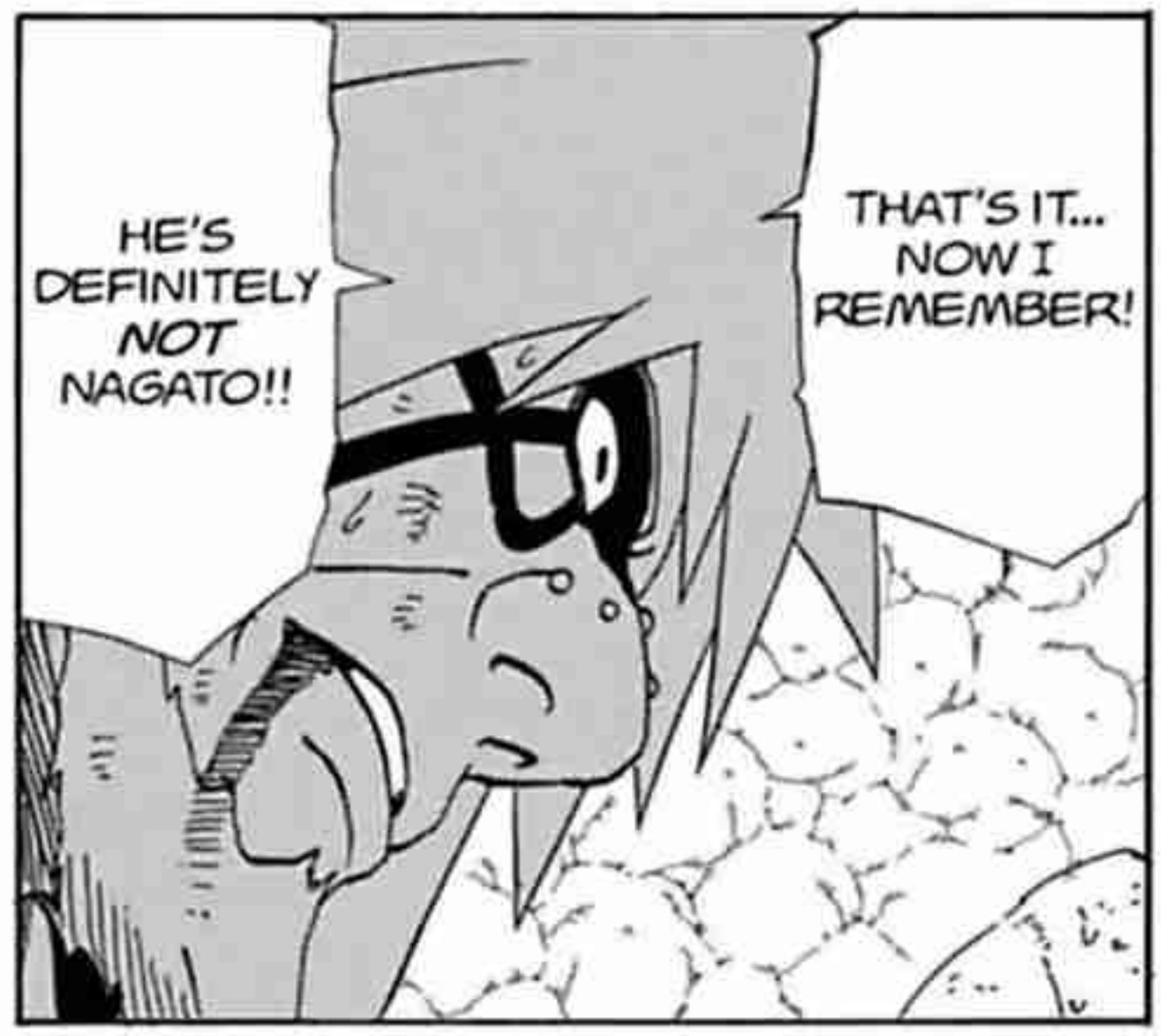
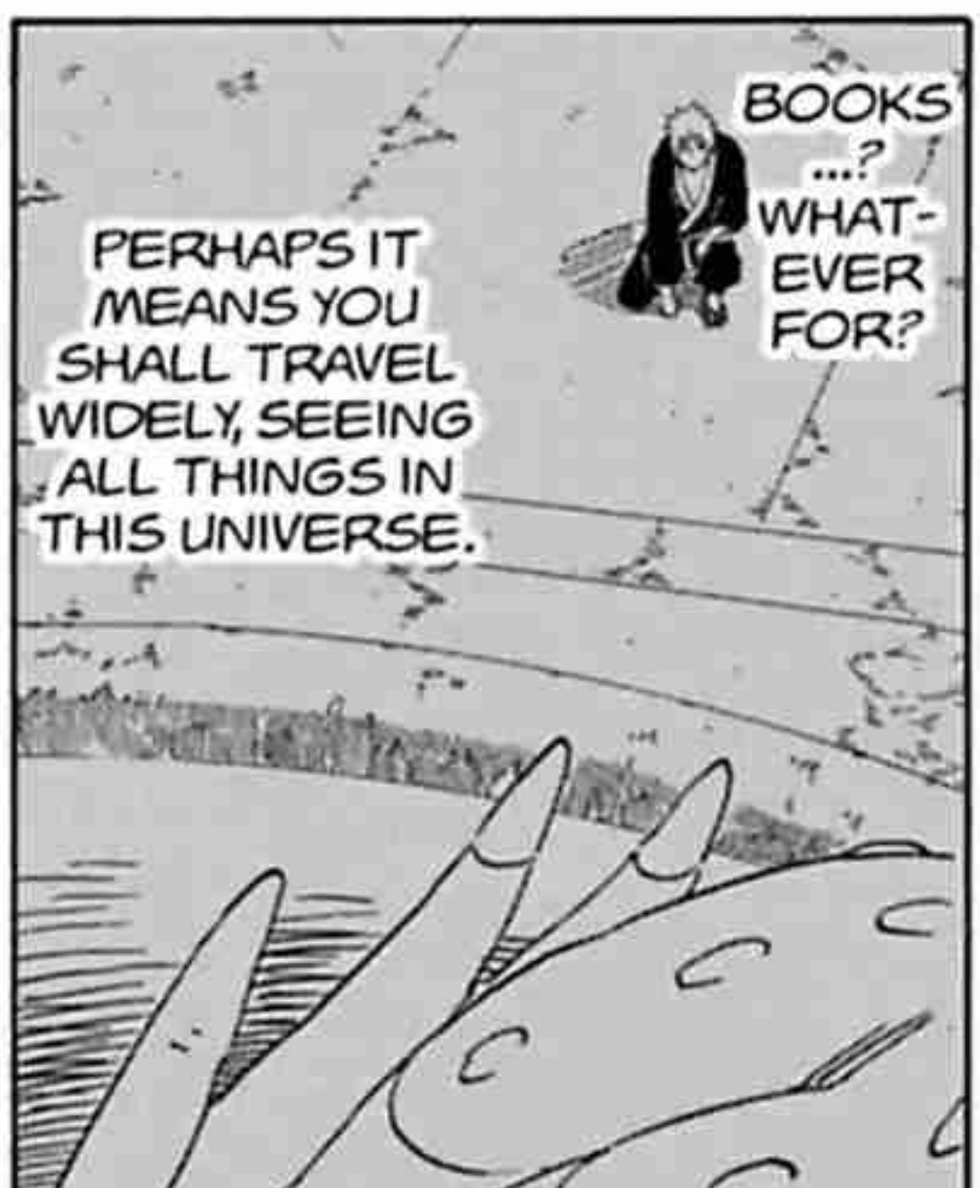
WHAT'S DA MATTER?
?
THIS FELLOW IN FRONT OF US... I HAVE FACED HIM TOO BEFORE...

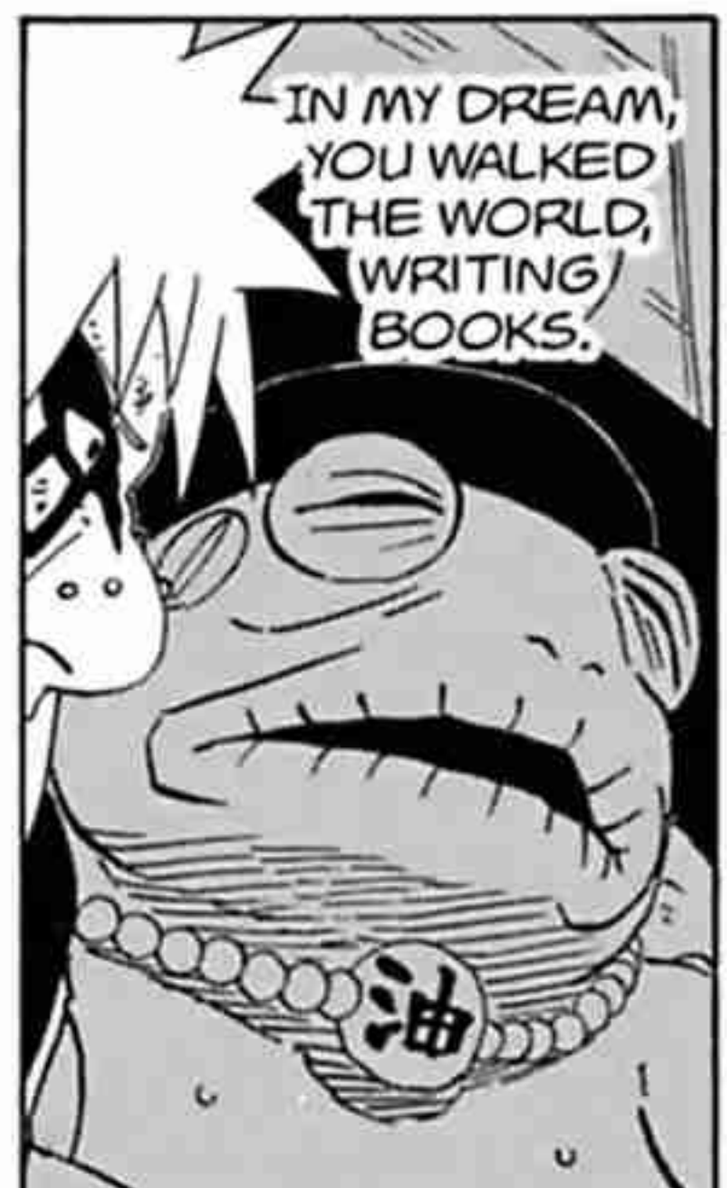

HE'S DEFINITELY NOT NAGATO!!
THAT'S IT... NOW I REMEMBER!

THIS MAKES THE WHOLE BLASTED PAIN THING EVEN MORE CONFUSIN' ...!
SO WHAT'S SUCH A FELLER DOIN' HERE?

...HE WAS A FUMA CLAN MEMBER WHO ATTACKED ME ON A MOUNTAIN PATH.
IT WAS RIGHT AFTER I HAD SET OUT ON MY JOURNEY, FOLLOWING THE GREAT LORD ELDER'S PROPHECY...
I GAVE HIM THAT SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD...

DON'T TELL ME... IF THAT PROPHECY IS REAL...


BOOKS ...? WHAT-EVER FOR?
PERHAPS IT MEANS YOU SHALL TRAVEL WIDELY, SEEING ALL THINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE.


IN MY DREAM, YOU WALKED THE WORLD, WRITING BOOKS.
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...YOU TWO NEED TO GO HOME.

I WANT TO GO BACK AND FACE THEM IN ORDER TO CONFIRM SOME-THING...

RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVEN'T EVEN PICKED UP ON OUR LOCATION YET.

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THE PLUM OUT OF DODGE!

...

NO WAY! IF YOU GO BACK OUT THERE, YOU'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!!

THERE'RE MORE PAIRS O' EYES NOW! AND OUR BARRIER TRAP WON'T WORK ON 'EM A SECOND TIME!!

WHA ?!

?

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH...

IF I LET THIS CHANCE SLIP BY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD GET AS CLOSE TO PAIN.

PLUS...

BUT I MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO DEDUCE OUR ENEMY'S TRUE IDENTITY...

FOR SURE, IF I GO BACK OUT, I MAY BE KILLED.

...

...THIS IS THE TIME FOR SELECTION THAT THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESIED!

BUT...
Y'ALL JUST BETTER BE HOME BY SUPPER-TIME.

...AND TELL TSUNADE...
BOSS, YOU AND MA PLEASE TAKE BACK THE INTEL ON PAIN WE'VE GATHERED SO FAR, AND THIS CORPSE.
MA SHOULD BE ENOUGH FER THAT.

THANK YOU...
...

...

YEAH... WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, I'LL BRING JIRAIYA-BOY ON OVER WITH ME.

VLWOOP
GLUP GLUP GLUP...

GLUP GLUP
PLOP

BO OF

FSH...

SHISH
HIFFF

READ THIS WAY
THUD
THUD
THUD
FRRLL
THUD
SPLISH

IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT!

THEY'RE ALL SHINOBI THAT I'VE ENCOUN-TERED BEFORE!!

THAT'S IT! I'VE FIGURED OUT WHO PAIN IS!!
!!
?!!
SWIPE!

KA-BUM
MY THROAT...!!
JIRAIYA-BOY!!

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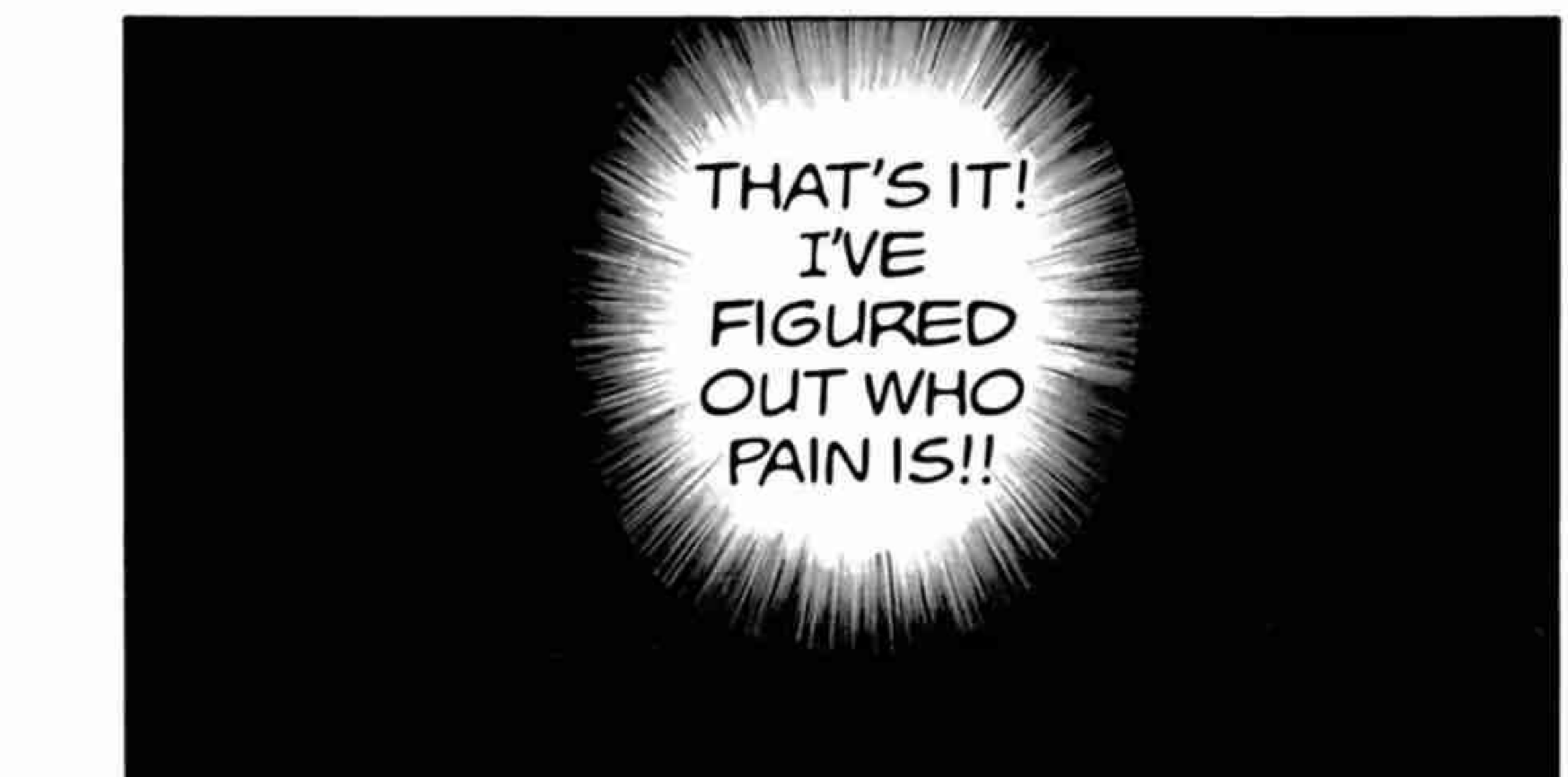
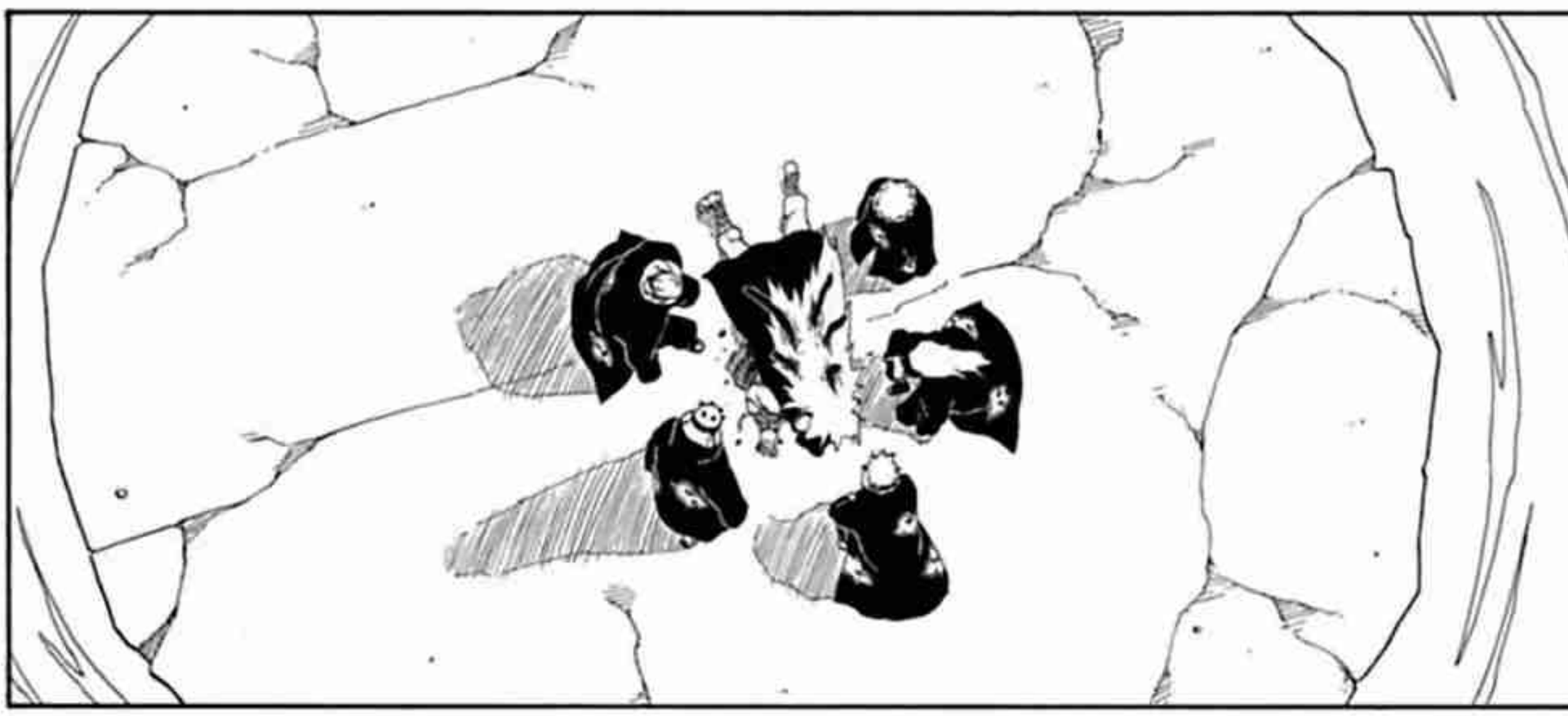
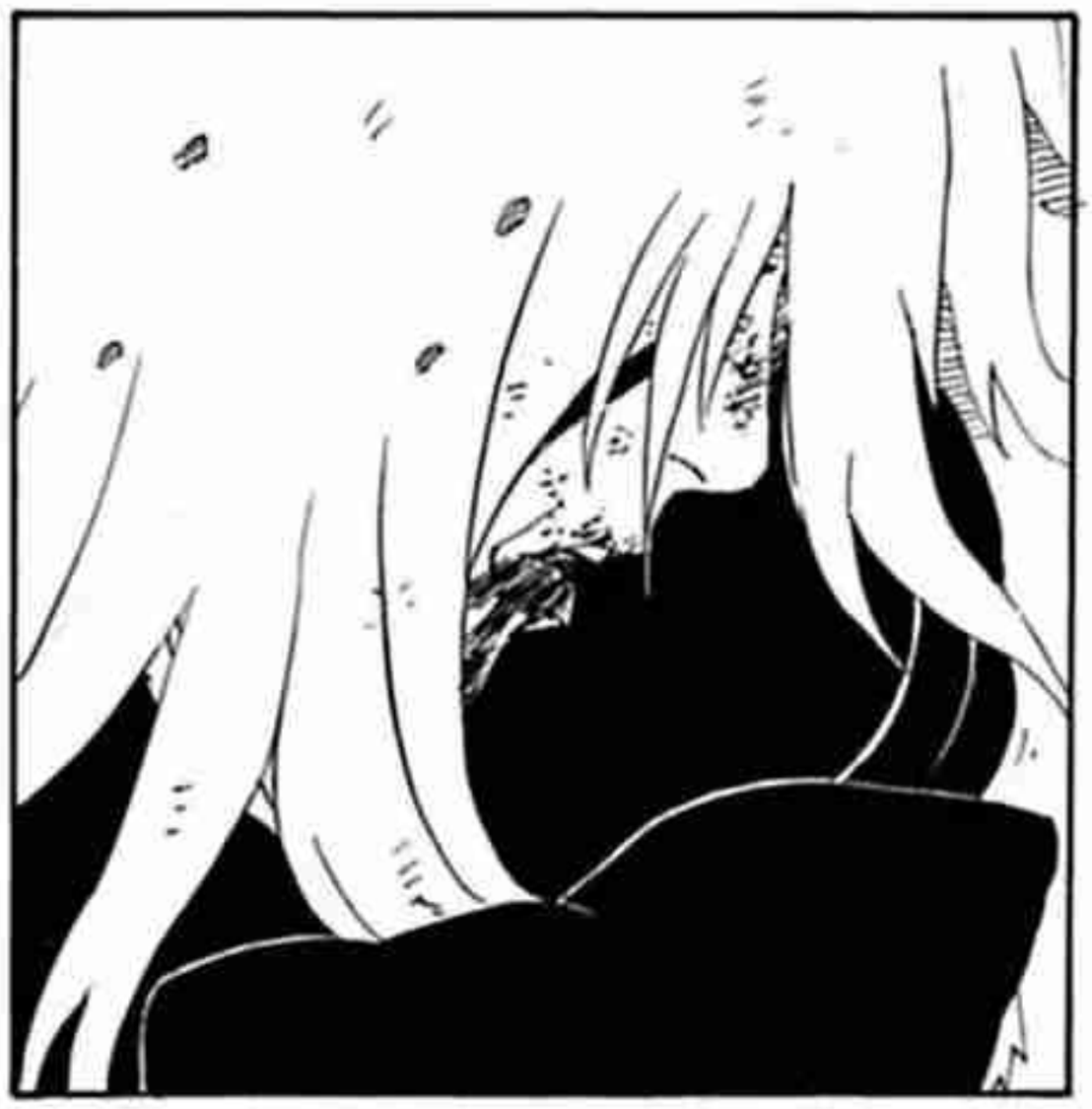
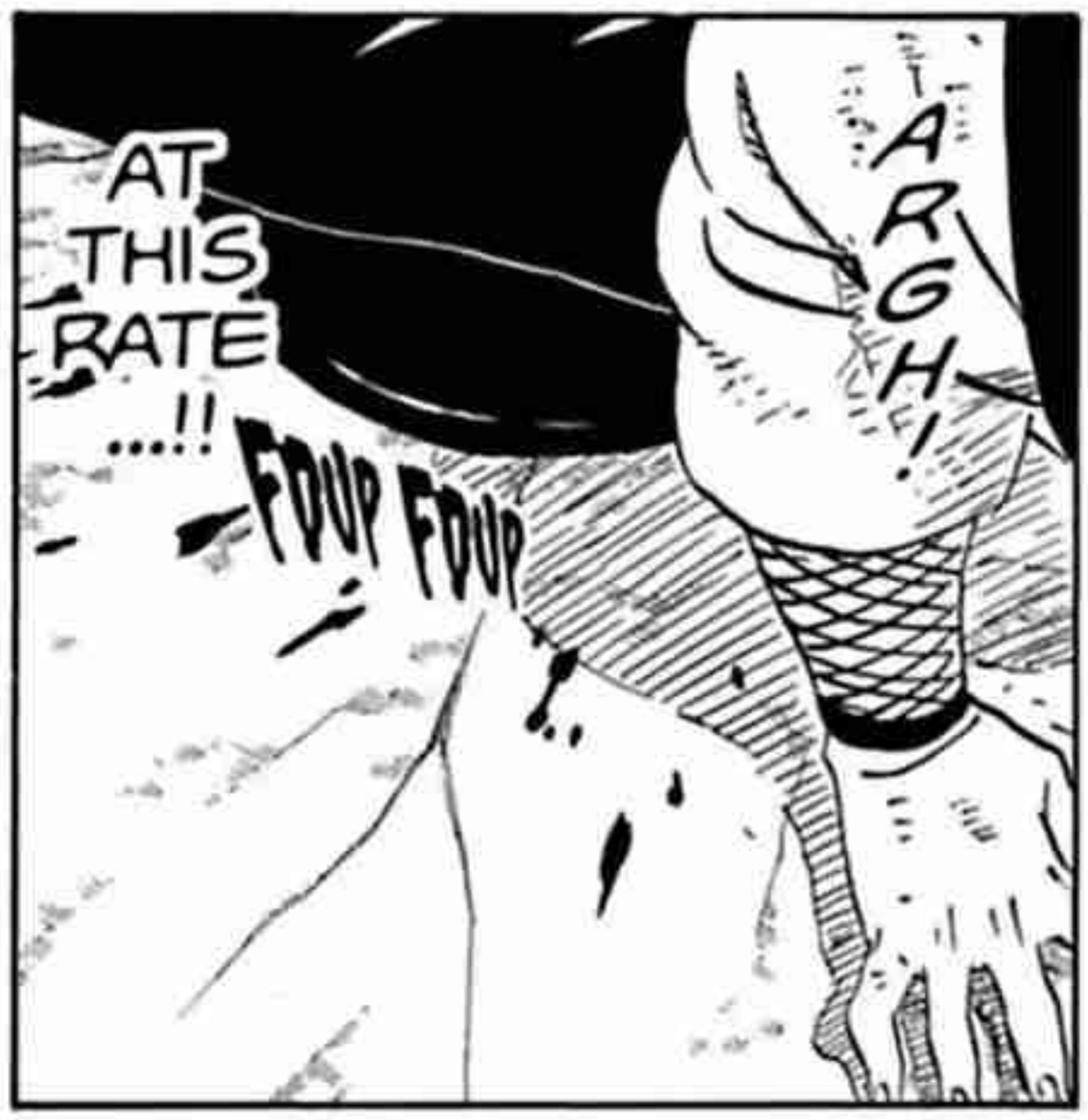
The True Choice!!



I MUST RELAY... THIS NEWS... TO BOSS!!



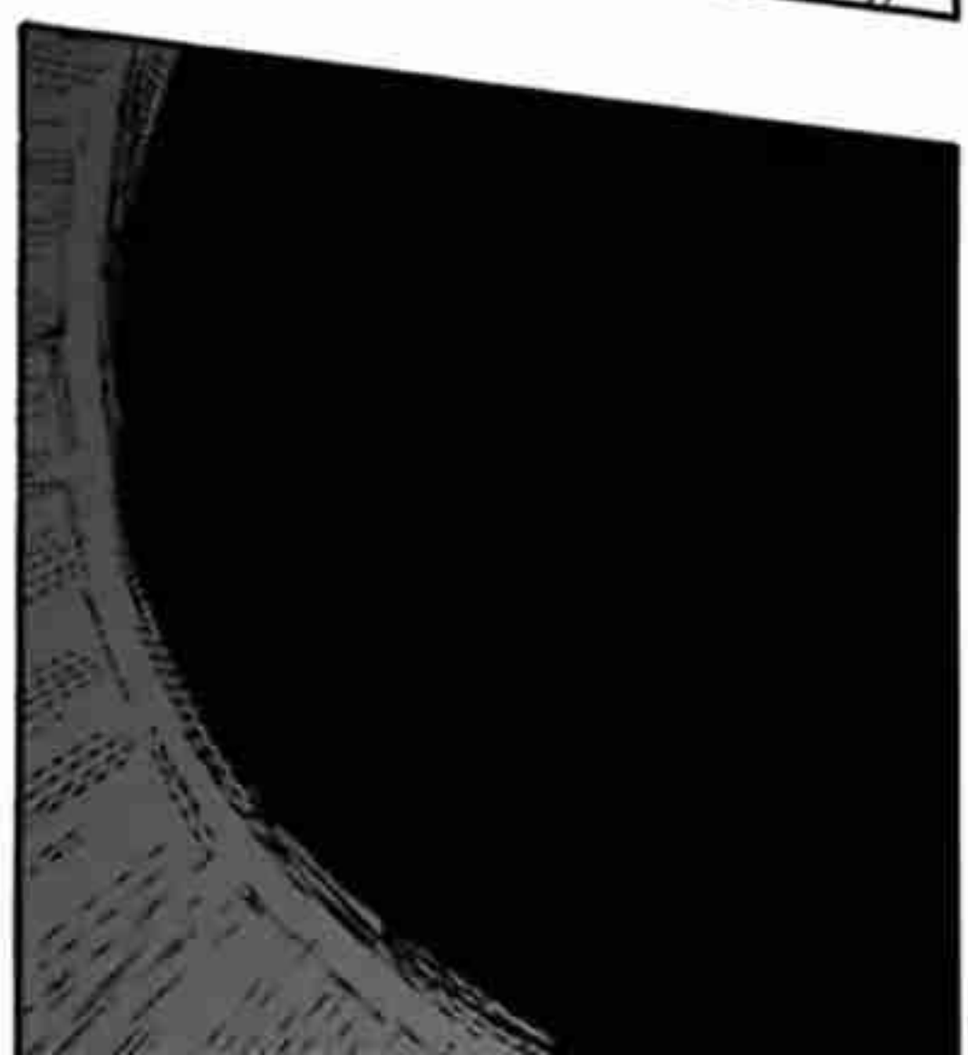



AT THIS RATE ...!!
FDUP FDUP
ARGH!

...GOING TO DIE?
AM I...

NOT ENOUGH ...
FADING ...

HAVE I FAILED?



THE SHINOBI WORLD IS NOT A WAY OF LIFE, BUT A MANNER OF DEATH...

...AND LOOKING BACK, MY LIFE'S TALE WAS FULL OF FAILURE...

A SHINOBI'S LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW THEY LIVED BUT RATHER WHAT THEY MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE THEIR DEATH.

...CONTINU-
ALLY
REJECTED
BY TSUNADE...

...UNABLE
TO PROTECT
EITHER MY
DISCIPLE
OR MY
TEACHER
...

...UNABLE
TO STOP
MY
FRIEND...

...ARE
TRIFLING,
INSIGNIFI-
CANT
THINGS
INDEED...
COMPARED
TO THE
GREAT
DEEDS
OF THE
HOKAGE,
MY
ACTIONS...

I WISH I COULD HAVE DIED LIKE EACH OF THE HOKAGE.

IN RETURN ...

AND MISTAKES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PLOT TOO! I'VE LIVED MY LIFE ALWAYS BELIEVING THAT THE LESSONS I LEARNED ARE WHAT HONED ME.

SCRITCH SCRITCH

SINSH

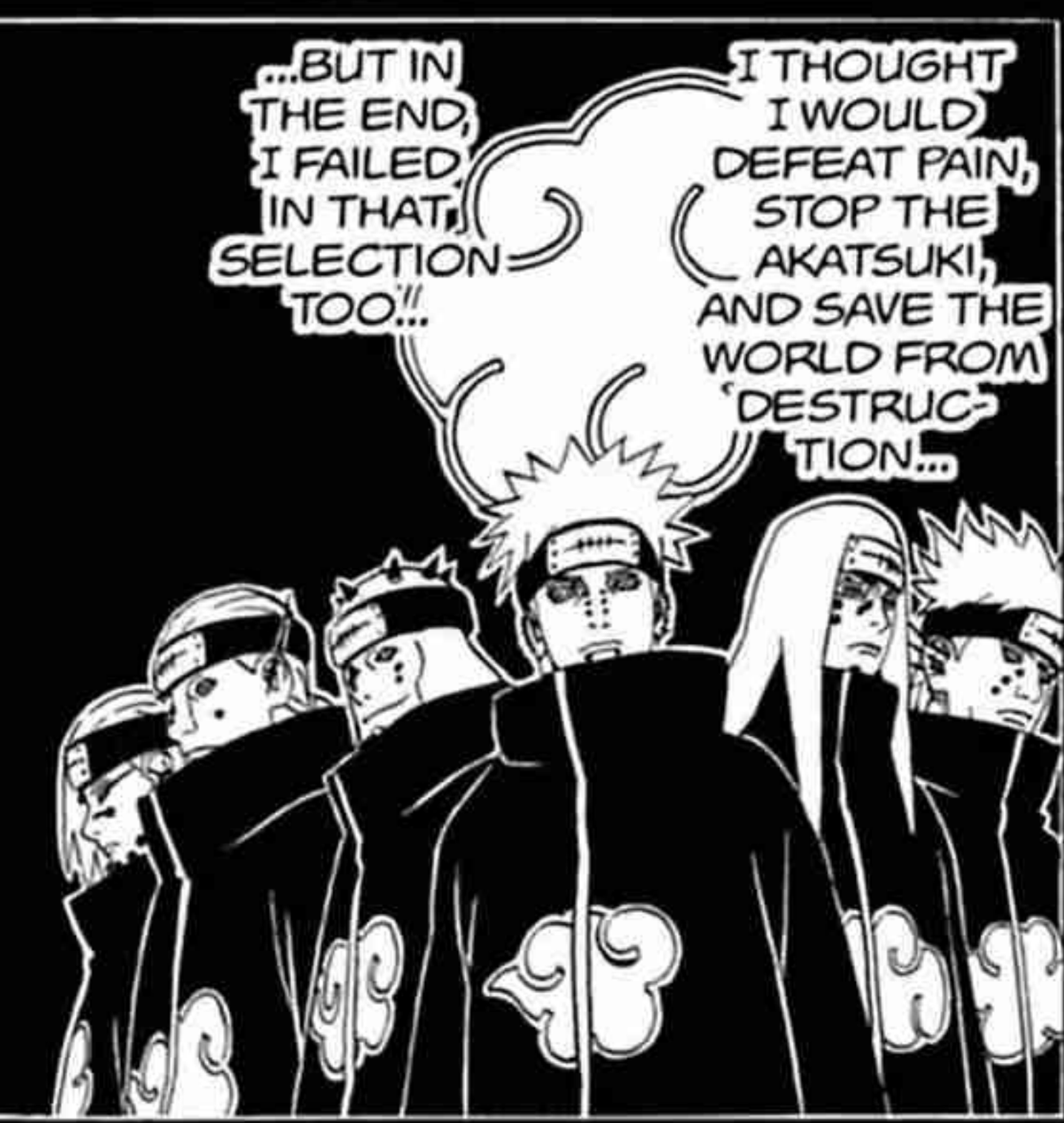
A TALE IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS FINAL TURN OF EVENTS, THE PLOT TWIST.

BUT... WITH MY PLOT TWIST... MY TALE, ENDING LIKE THIS...

...AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO... HO HO...

...AND DIE A SPLENDID SHINOBI!

...I SWORE I WOULD ACCOMPLISH A DEED SO GREAT THAT IT WOULD OBLITERATE ALL OF MY FAILURES...


...BUT IN THE END, I FAILED IN THAT SELECTION TOO!!..
I THOUGHT I WOULD DEFEAT PAIN, STOP THE AKATSUKI, AND SAVE THE WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION...

A PERSON WHO WILL MAKE A GREAT CHOICE THAT WILL BRING EITHER STABILITY OR DESTRUCTION TO THE WORLD OF SHINOBI...
THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESIED THAT I WOULD GUIDE THAT REVOLUTION.

WHAT A WORTHLESS STORY...

...THAT THIS WILL BE THE TWIST TO "THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT"...
SO PITIFUL...

!

NO, NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

I THINK THIS TALE IS WONDER-FUL!

HMM?
SO I WAS THINKING ...

Y-YOU THINK SO...?

...CAN BECOME A SPLENDID SHINOBI JUST LIKE THIS MAIN CHARACTER!
I REALLY HOPE MY SOON-TO-BE BORN CHILD...

I MEAN, I RANDOMLY CAME UP WITH IT WHILE EATING RAMEN...
...H-HEY! ARE YOU SURE?
油

...TO NAME MY SON AFTER HIM.
WHICH IS WHY I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION...

...IT'S A WONDER-FUL NAME.

SSH...

NARUTO ...

SHUP...

KU-SHINA...

YOU SURE YOU'RE BOTH OKAY WITH THAT?

...DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME HIS GODFATHER, THEN?

HA HA... GEE...

OH...

WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS AS SPLENDID AS YOU...

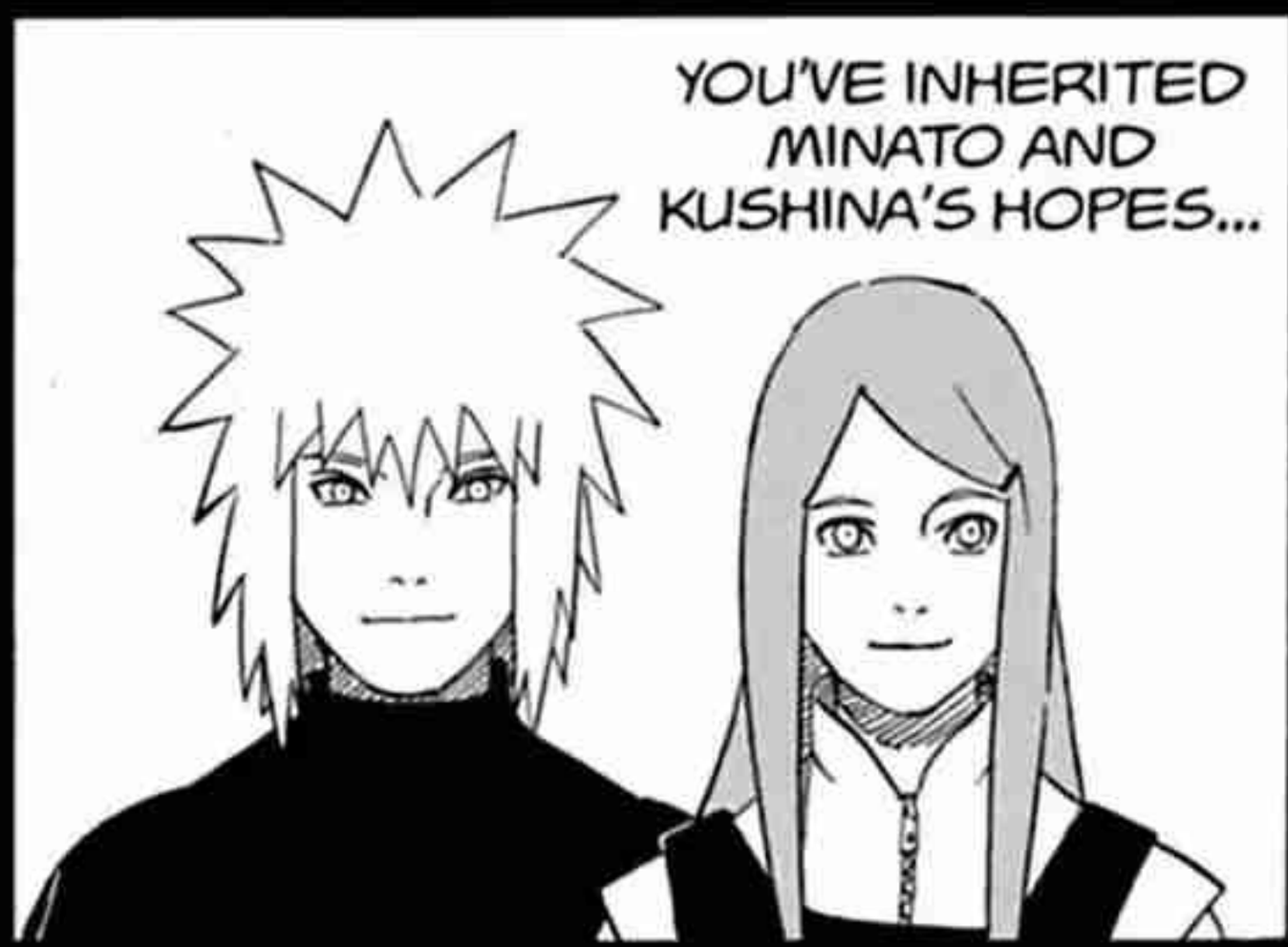
...WHO POSSESSES THE TRUE TALENT OF A GENUINE SHINOBI.

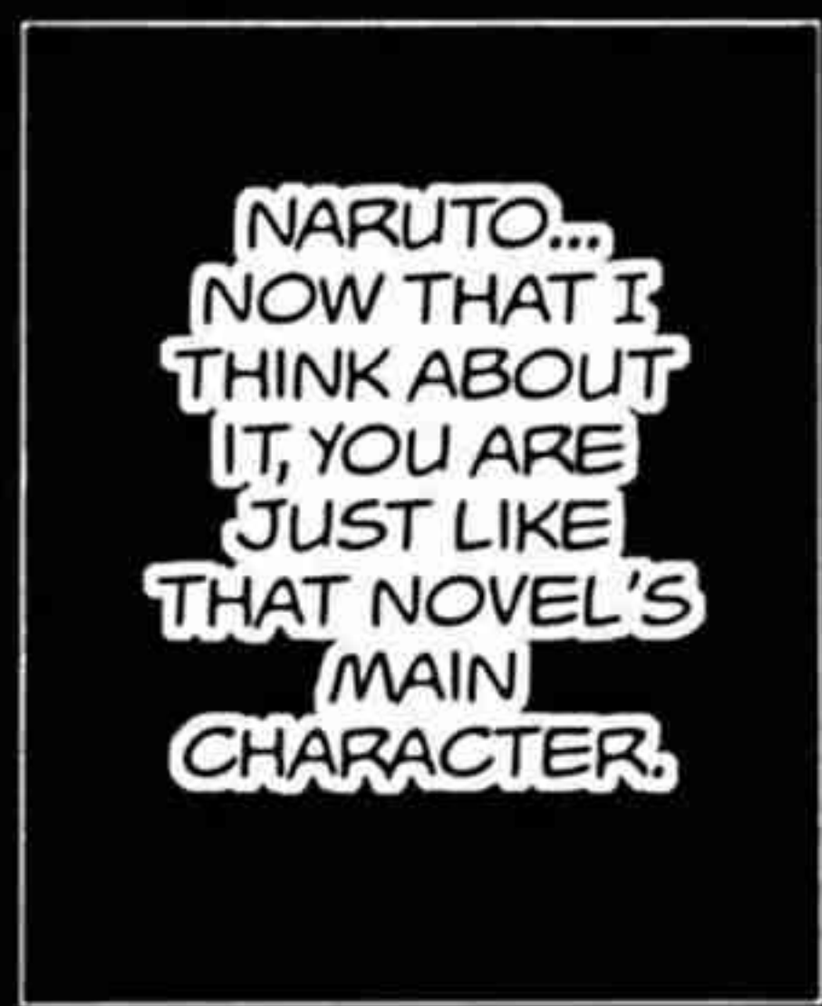
WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

THAT'S RIGHT...

I GAVE THAT CHILD...

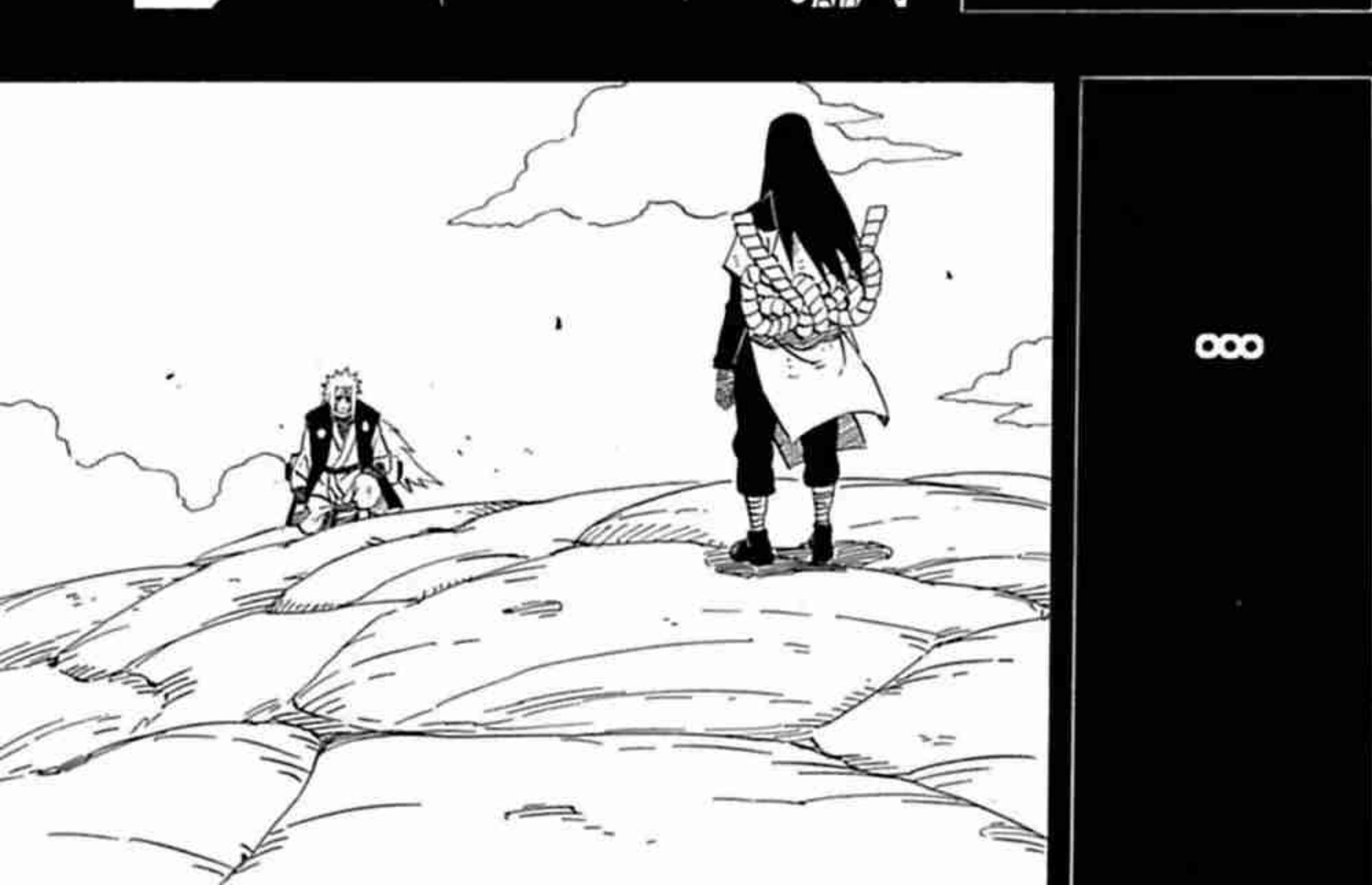
A HOKAGE THAT SURPASSES ALL PREVIOUS HOKAGE!!
I'M GONNA BE HOKAGE!!
I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD...
...THAT'S MY SHINOBI WAY!


YOU'VE INHERITED MINATO AND KUSHINA'S HOPES...


NARUTO... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU ARE JUST LIKE THAT NOVEL'S MAIN CHARACTER.

WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS AS SPLENDID AS YOU...! ...WHO POSSESSES THE TALENT OF A REAL SHINOBI.
WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

AND YET... I...


...

...A NINJA IS ONE WHO WIELDS NINJUTSU.

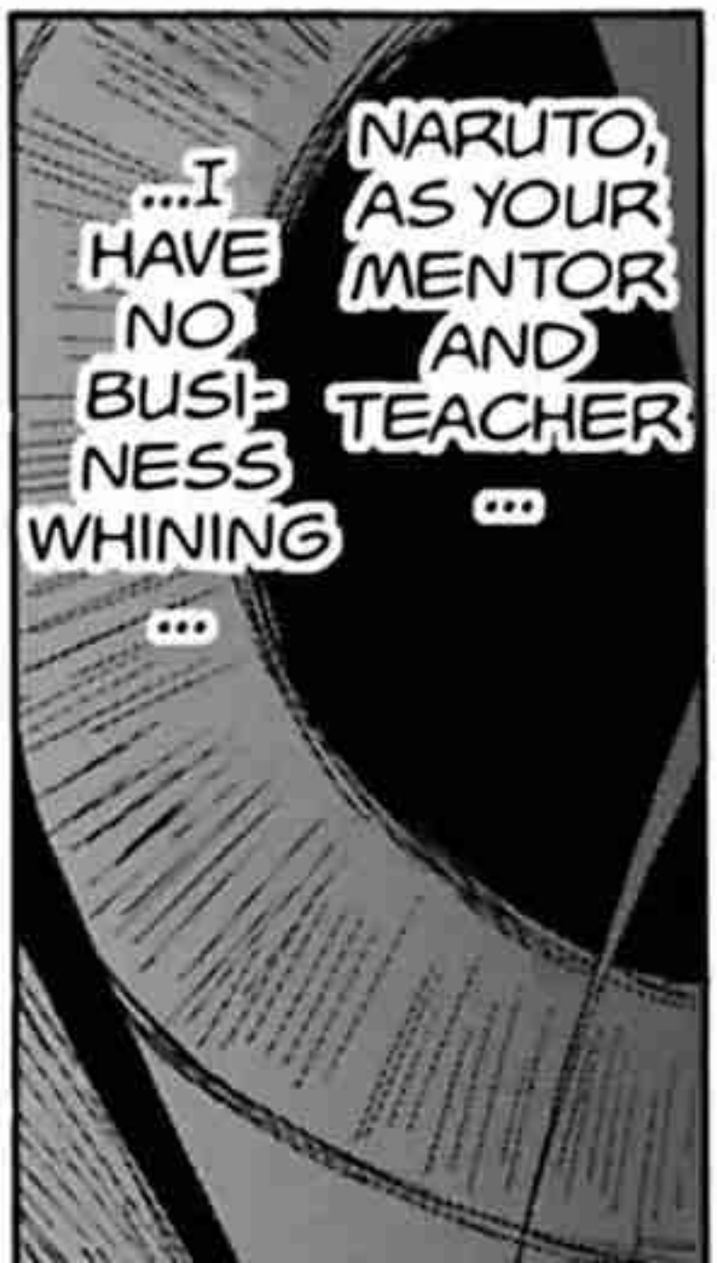
...AS THE NAME SUGGESTS ...

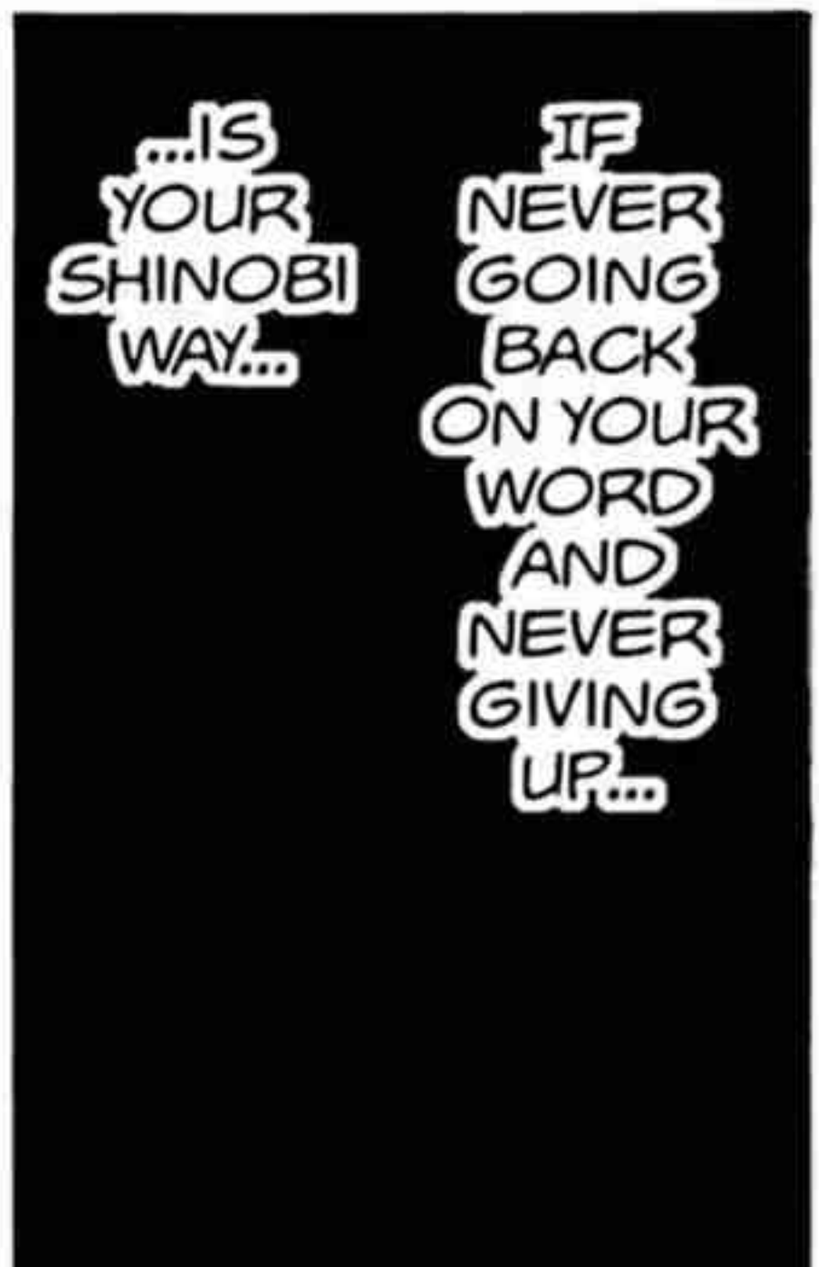
SHINOBI TALENT LIES IN WHETHER OR NOT ONE CAN USE AND MASTER ALL THE JUTSU IN THE WORLD.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS...
!
THAK

...HAVING THE GUTS TO NEVER GIVE UP.

FOR...


...I HAVE NO BUSI-NESS WHINING ...
NARUTO, AS YOUR MENTOR AND TEACHER ...


...IS YOUR SHINOBI WAY...
IF NEVER GOING BACK ON YOUR WORD AND NEVER GIVING UP...

...IT'S GENERALLY AGREED UPON THAT A DISCIPLE INHERITS HIS SHINOBI WAY FROM HIS TEACHER! RIGHT, NARUTO?

JIRAIYA-BOY?!

GGG ...!!

UNNH

HE FOUGHT HIS WAY BACK BY SHEER WILL?!

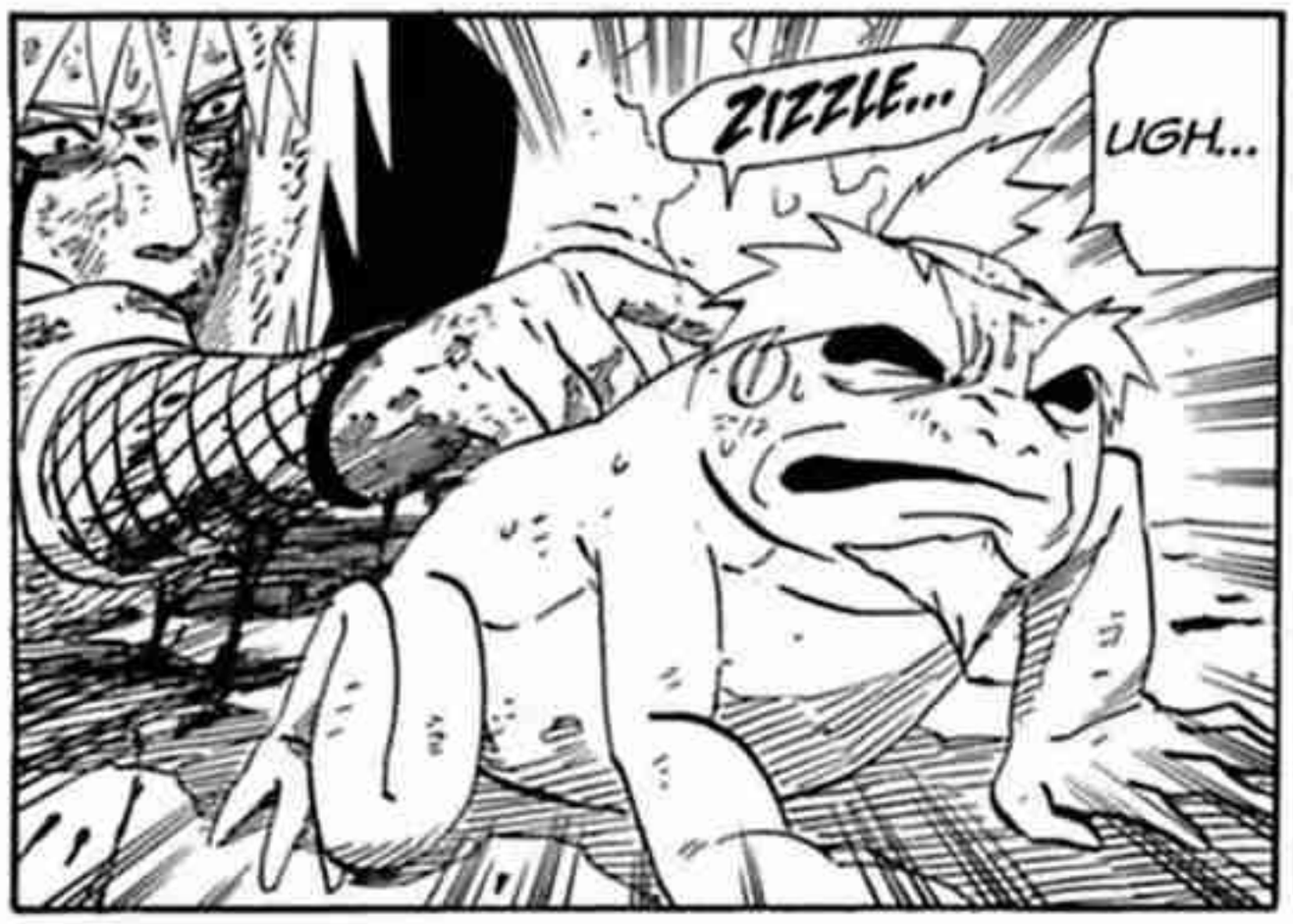
!

OK!!

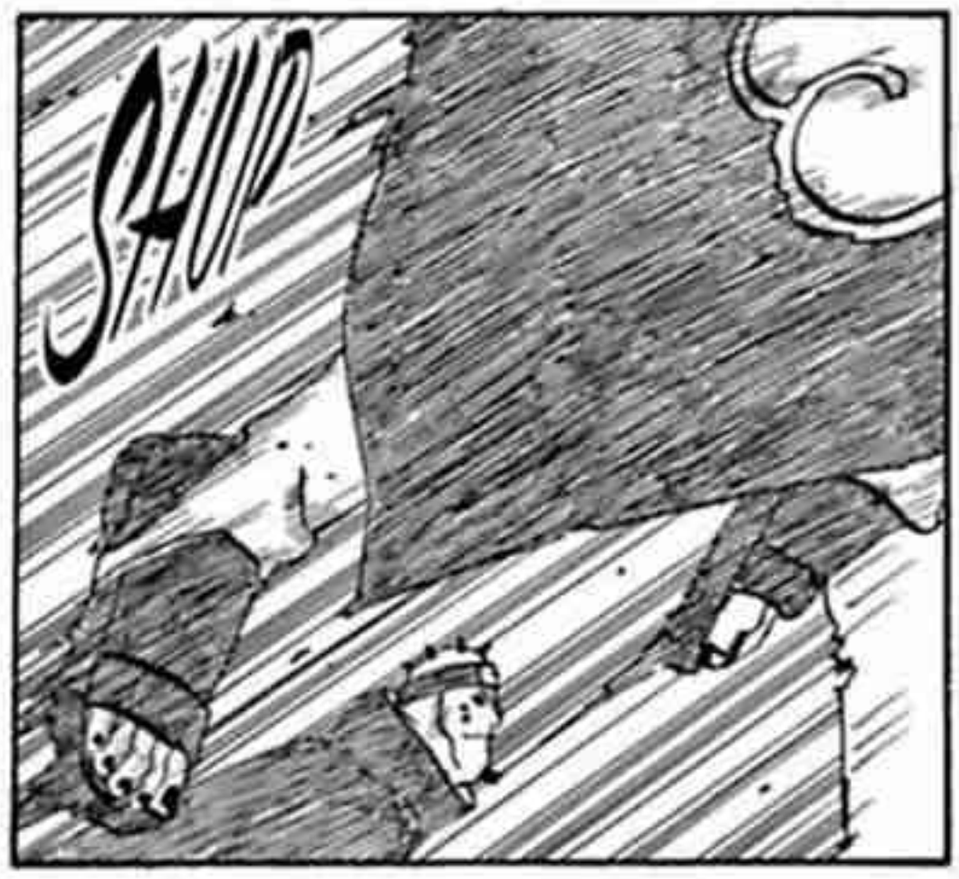
ZWOOP

VWEEH

I THOUGHT HIS HEART HAD STOPPED...


ZIZZLE...
UGH...

ALL RIGHT! MESSAGE RECEIVED!!


SHUP

NARUTO, YOU ARE THE CHILD OF PROPHECY, I'M SURE OF IT NOW! ...AND THE REST, I LEAVE IN YOUR HANDS!!
I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP... THAT WAS THE TRUE CHOICE I WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE!

Number 383: The Final Chapter, and...!!

BO

OF

OH

UGH!

OH

SPLOOSH

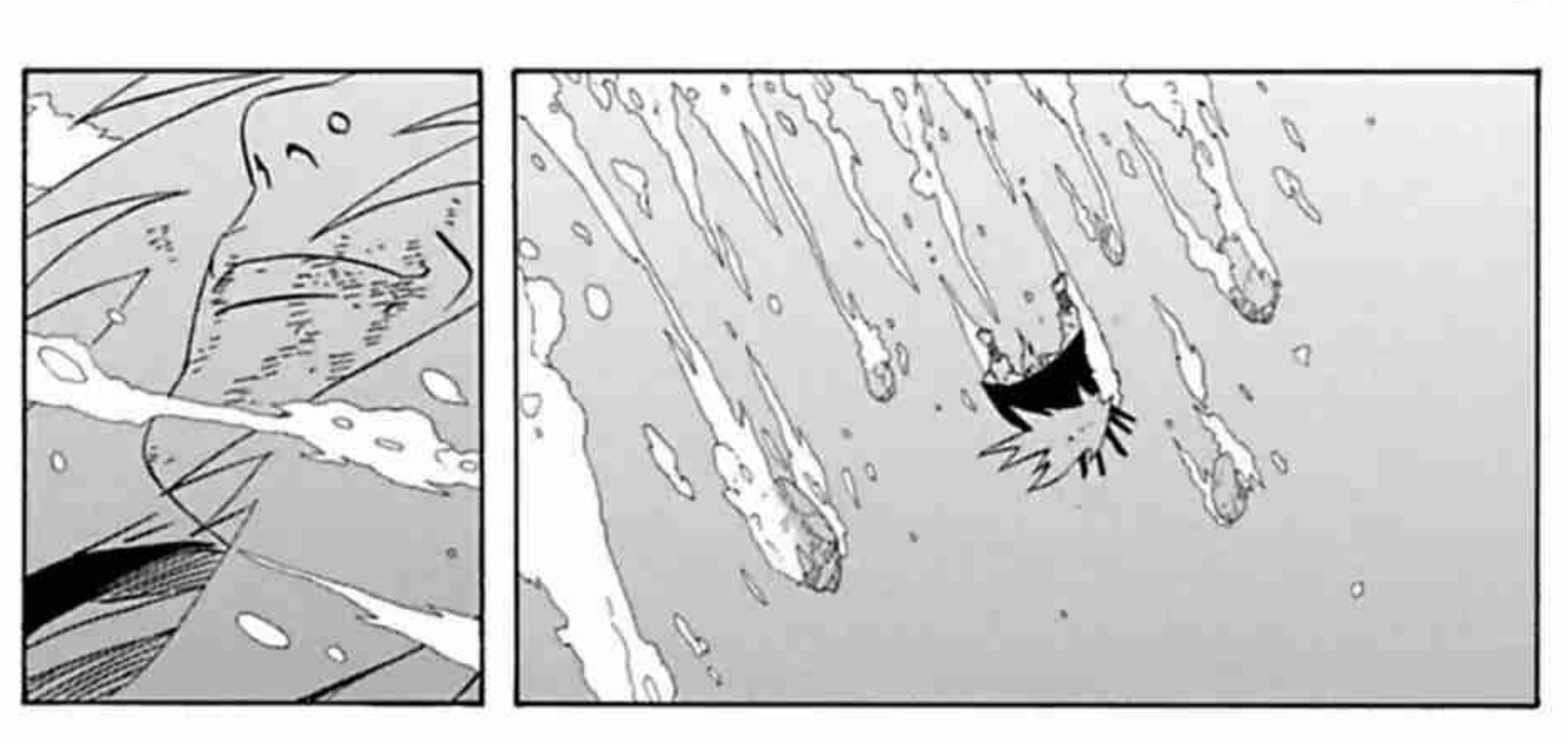
NARUTO!!

Number 383: The Final Chapter

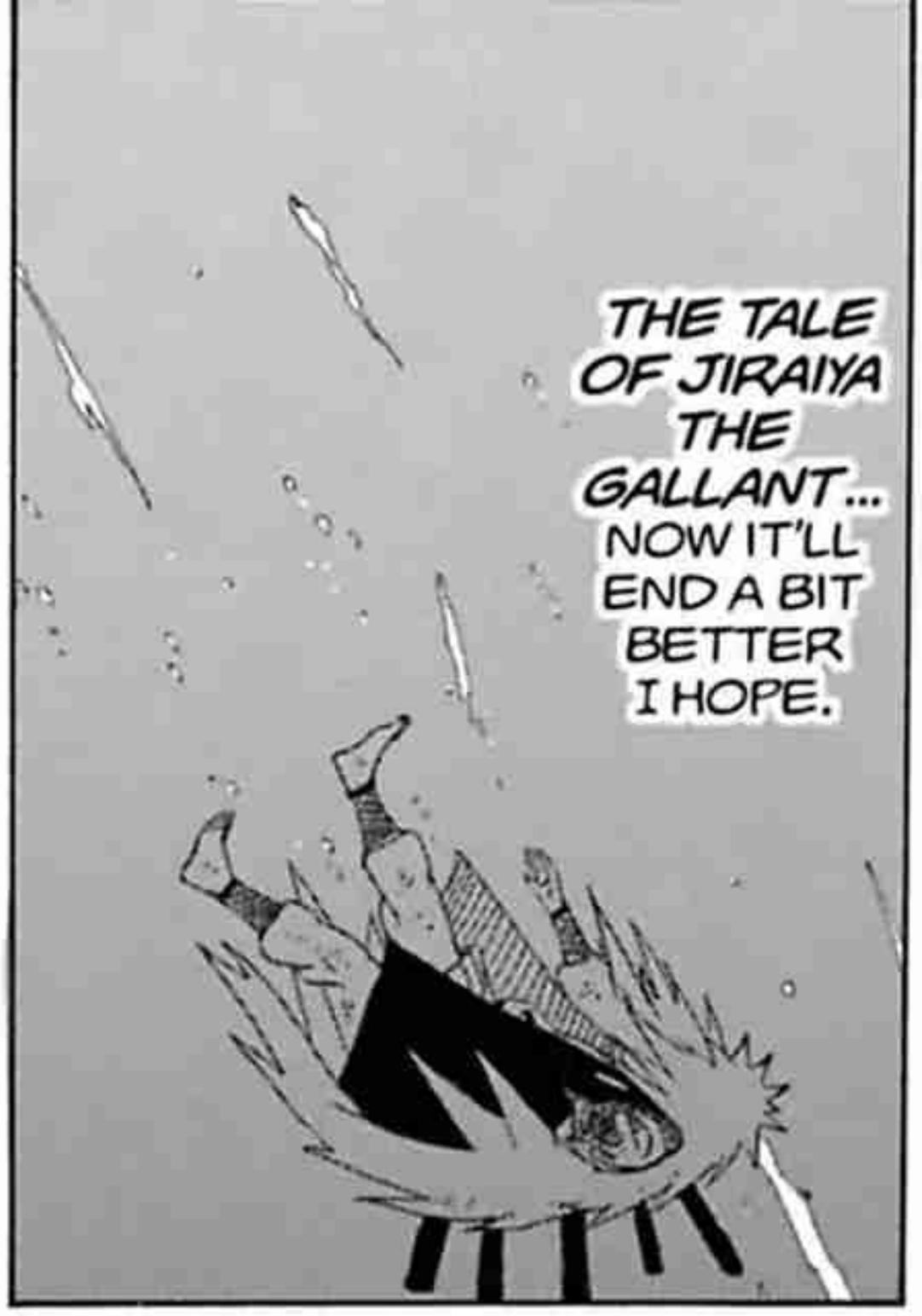
BAM
BOOM

READ
THIS
WAY

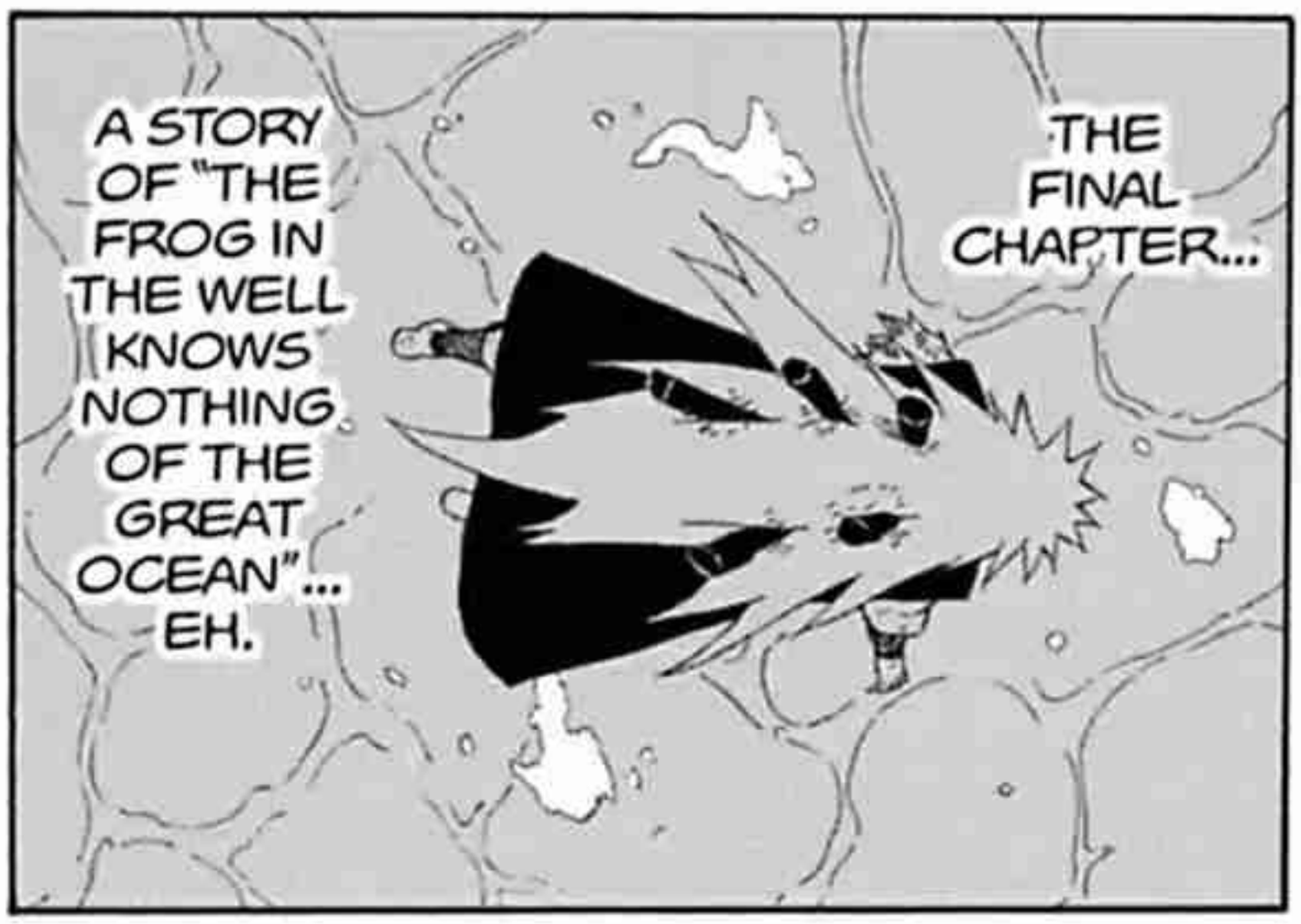
GLUB GLUB GLUB

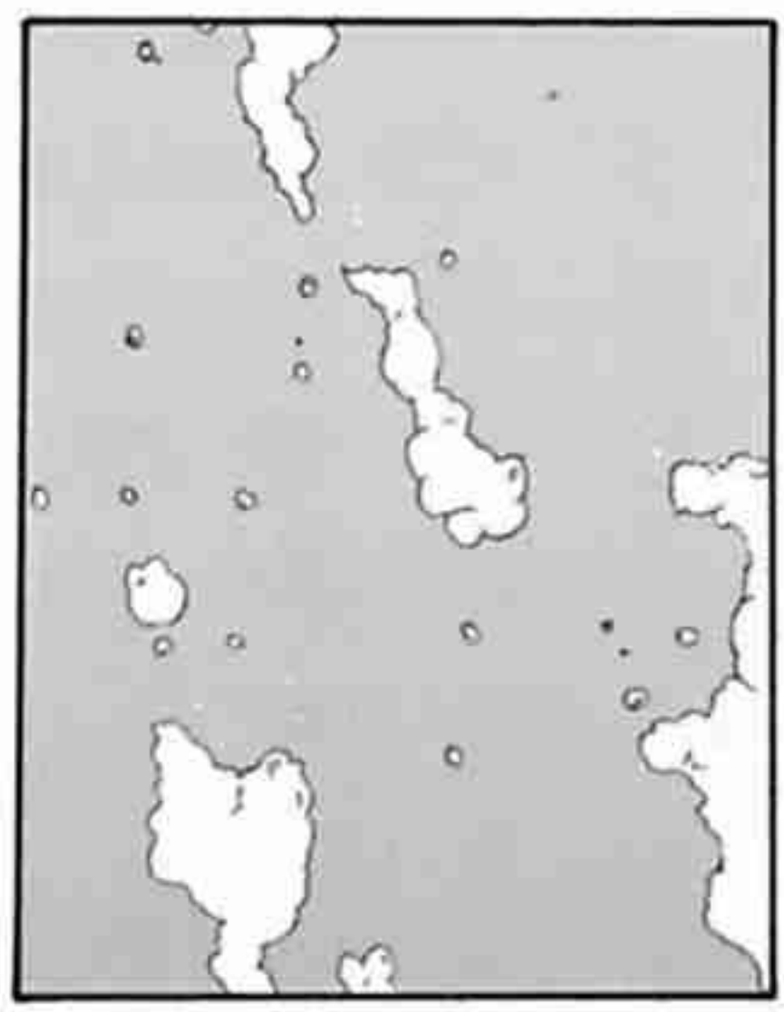


THE FROG... GOT AWAY...
THAP
THP
THP

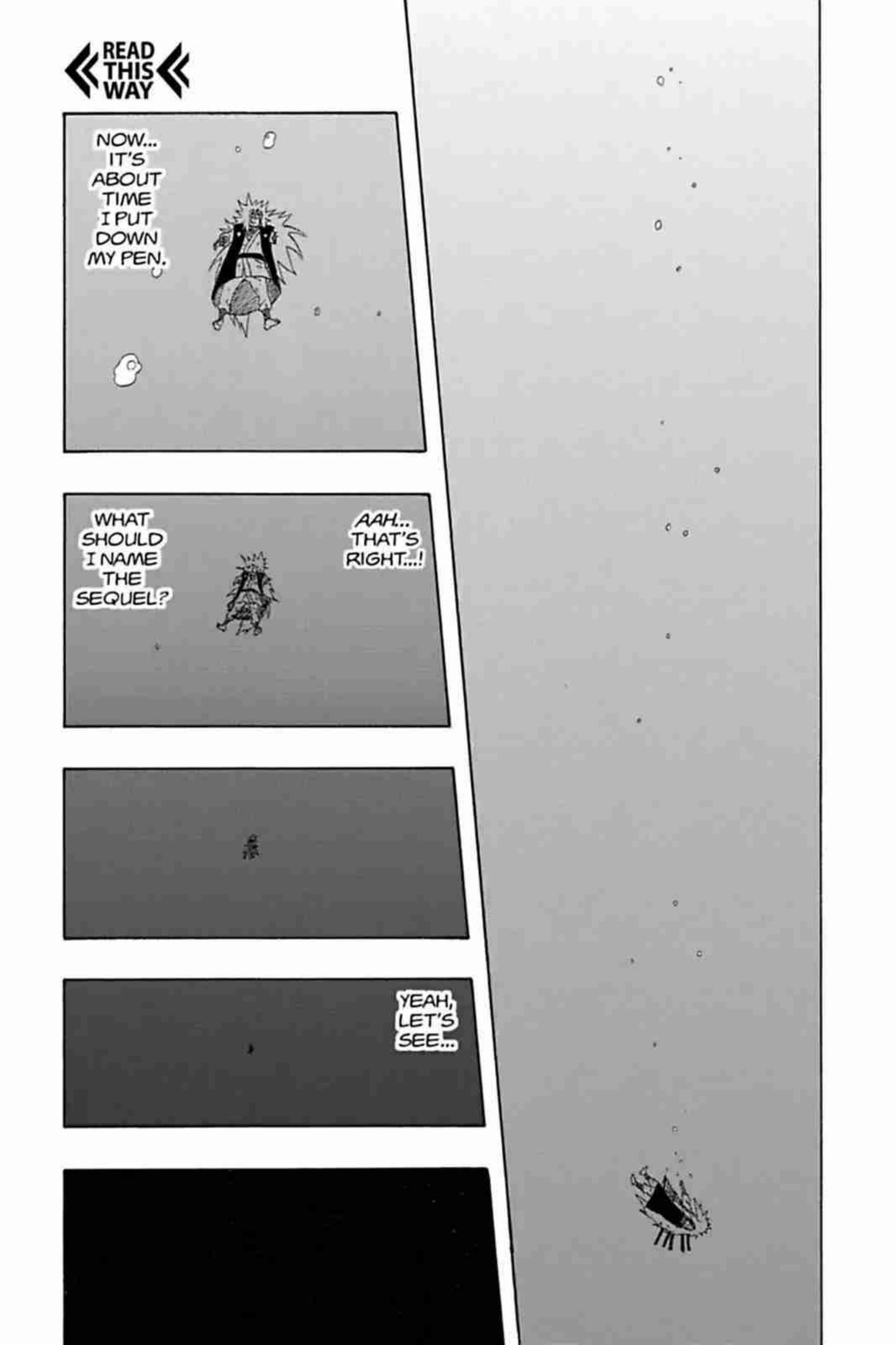

THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT... NOW IT'LL END A BIT BETTER I HOPE.

GLUB GLUB GLUB...


A STORY OF "THE FROG IN THE WELL KNOWS NOTHING OF THE GREAT OCEAN"... EH.
THE FINAL CHAPTER...



HO HO... JUST BARELY GLORIOUS, BUT GLORIOUS INDEED....


READ THIS WAY
NOW... IT'S ABOUT TIME I PUT DOWN MY PEN.
WHAT SHOULD I NAME THE SEQUEL?
AAH... THAT'S RIGHT...!
YEAH, LET'S SEE...

"THE TALE OF UZUMAKI NARUTO"...

...YES... THAT HAS A NICE RING TO IT...

酒
SPROING
PITTER

GOLA

ASH

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU...

NOW, WHAT SHALL WE PLAY NEXT...
...KONOHA FOLK?

OH, GOOD...

SHINO, SINCE YOU DIDN'T PARTICIPATE LAST TIME, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO DO SO TODAY!!
WOOF, WOOF!

WE'VE GOT TO TRACK SASUKE DOWN ASAP.

THAT'S RIGHT!

FORMATION B, FOLKS.

OK, EVERYONE...
...LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

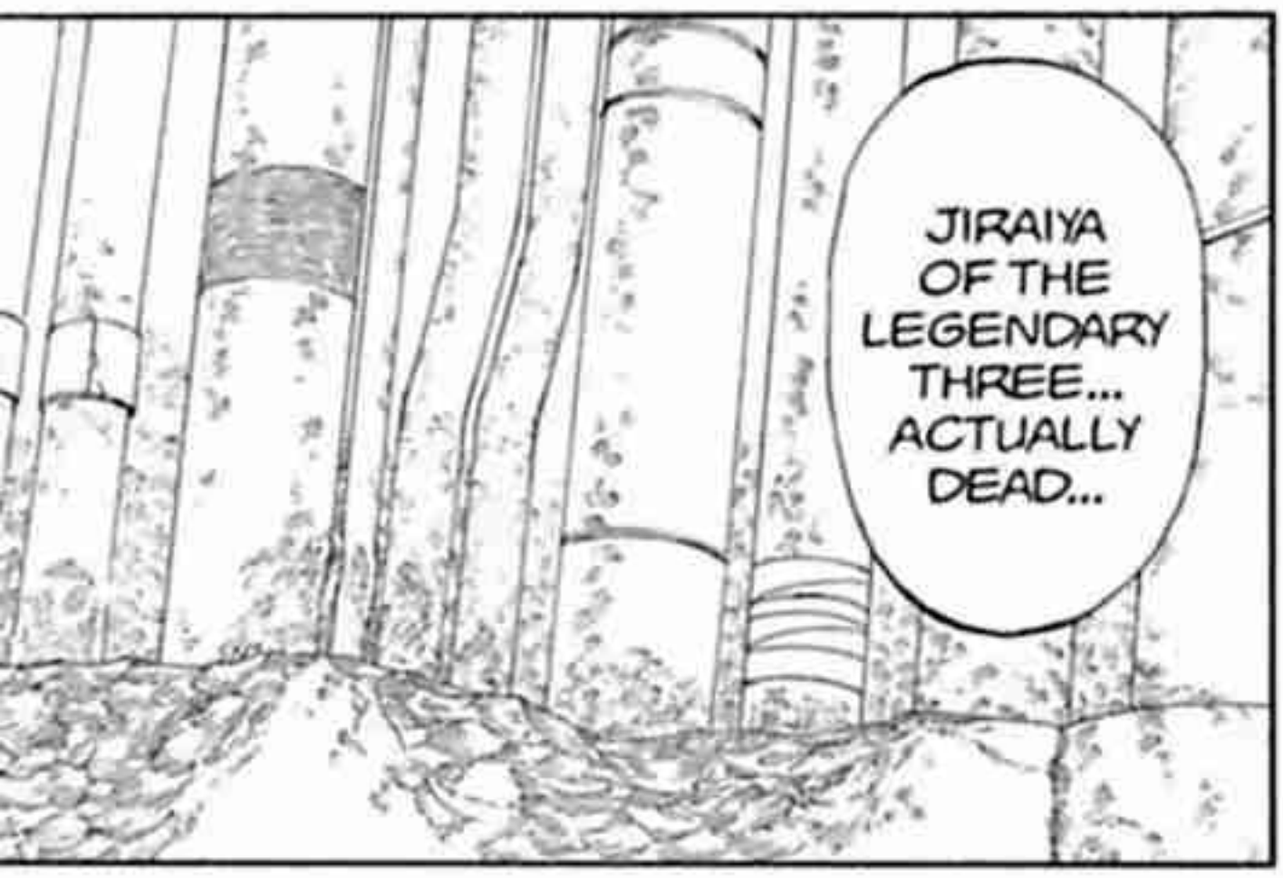
BONDS... HUH.

Y-YES, SIR!

YEAH!!

YES, SIR!

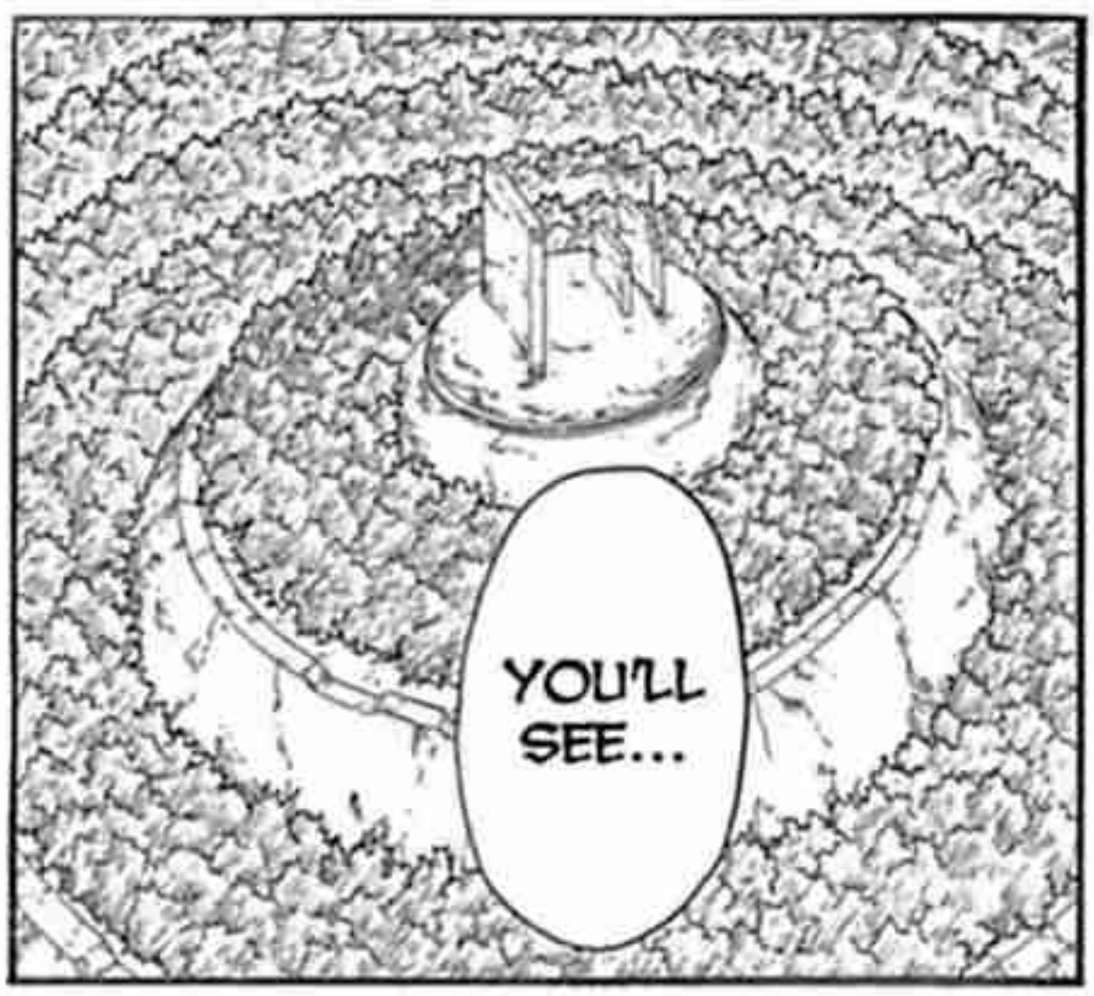
ROGER!!



MADARA HAD ORDERED ME TO HUNT NINE TAILS.
WHAT AN INTER-RUPTION.

SURE TOOK YOU A WHILE.
HIS OPPONENT WAS THAT JIRAIYA.
ZWOO...

NO! I'M GOING TO GO SEE A DIFFERENT BATTLE!
WELL THEN, I'D LOVE TO WATCH YOU HUNT NINE TAILS, SO LET'S GO TOGETHER...


YOU'LL SEE...

SHUT UP!
WHAT?!
WHICH OTHER BATTLE?

ME, DEAD AT YOUR FEET, EH...

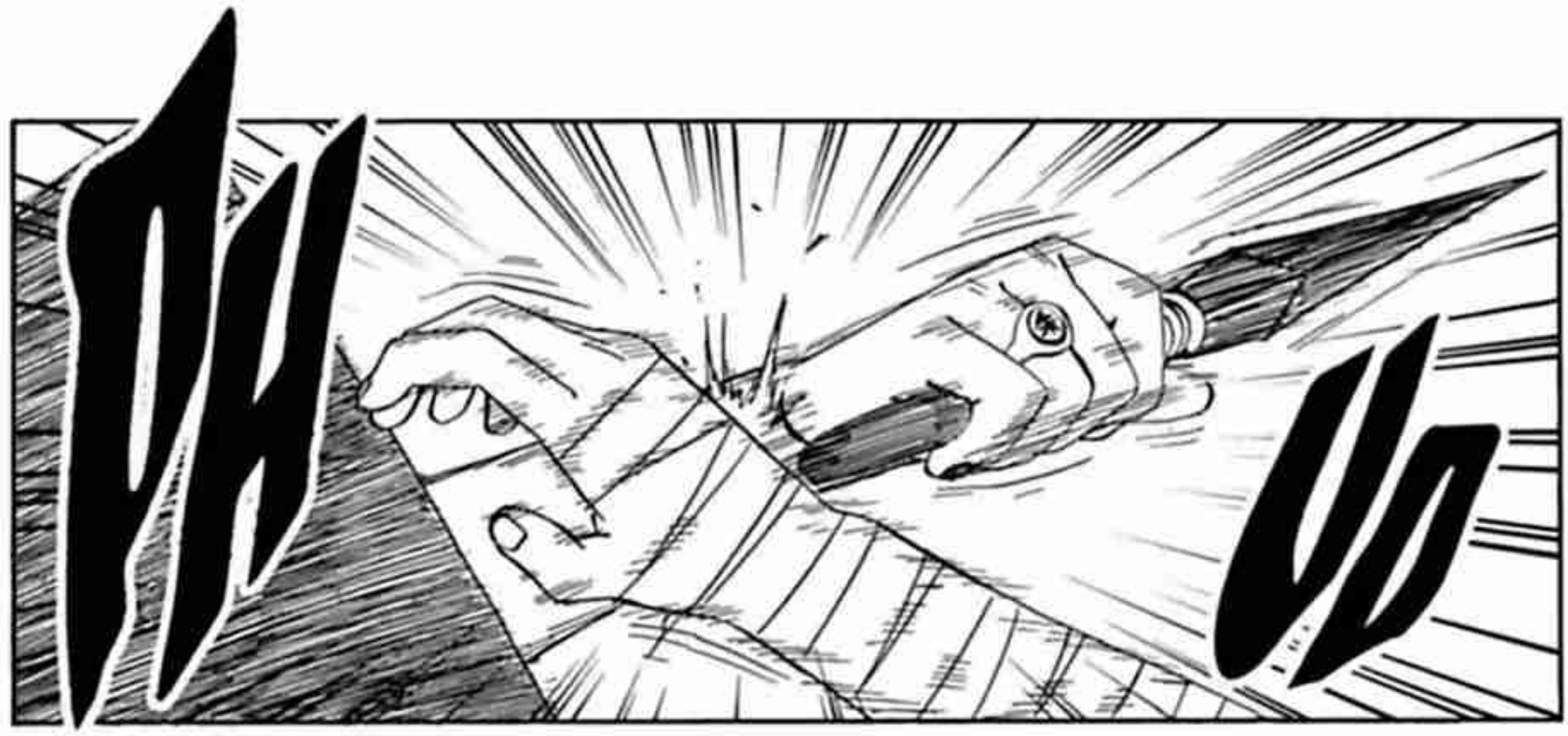
WELL THEN...

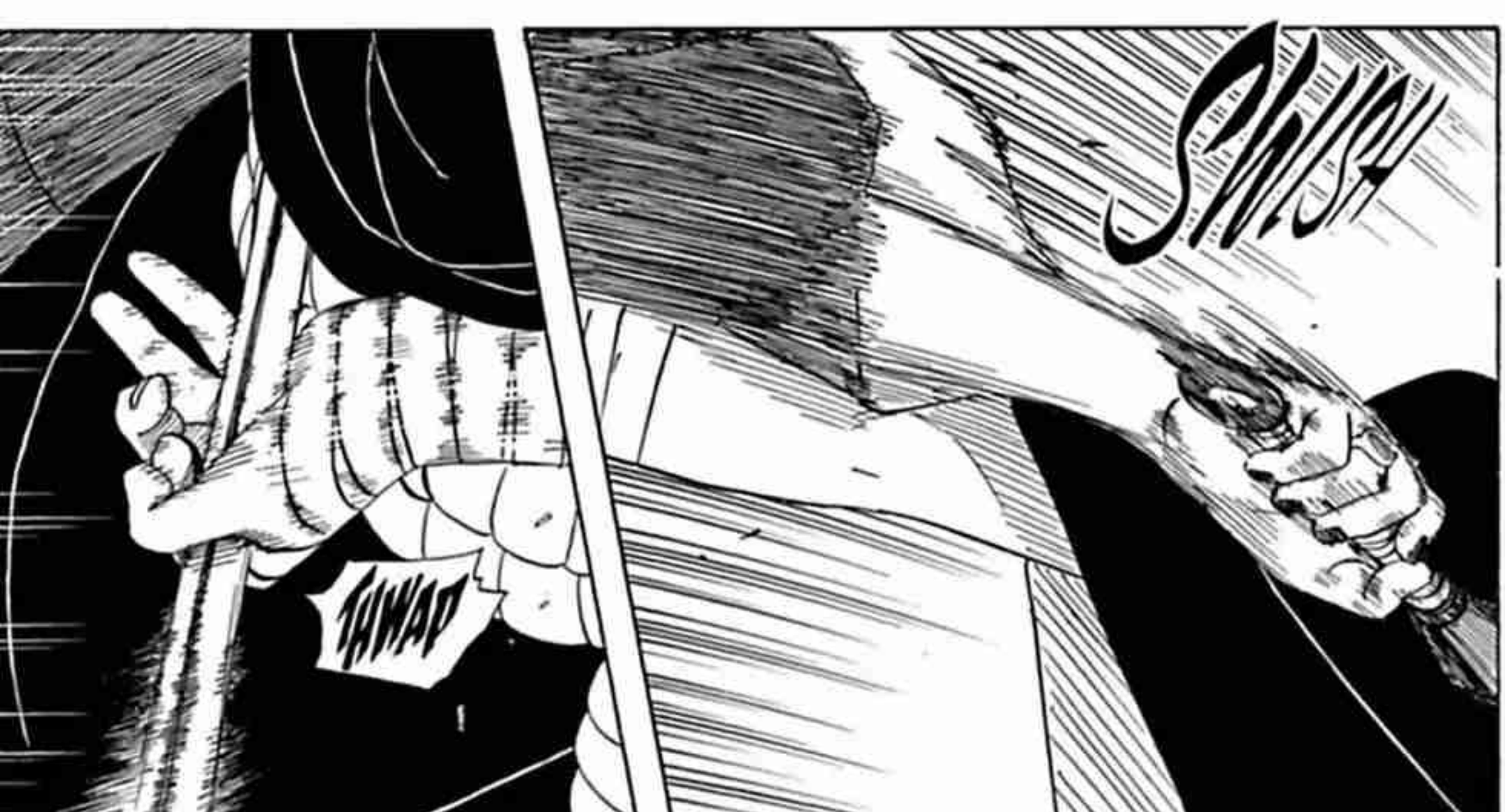
READ THIS WAY

...LET'S GET TO IT.

Number 384: Two Paths...

NARUTO


OH
NO


SHIKI
THWAP

KLANG

FWISH
SNICK
UGH!!

UNH!
FSH

SCREECH

VRRNNCH
SPW
SPH

WOOSH
SWISH
SHIK
THP
SHUK

ARGH!!

WHAM

CHIDORI...

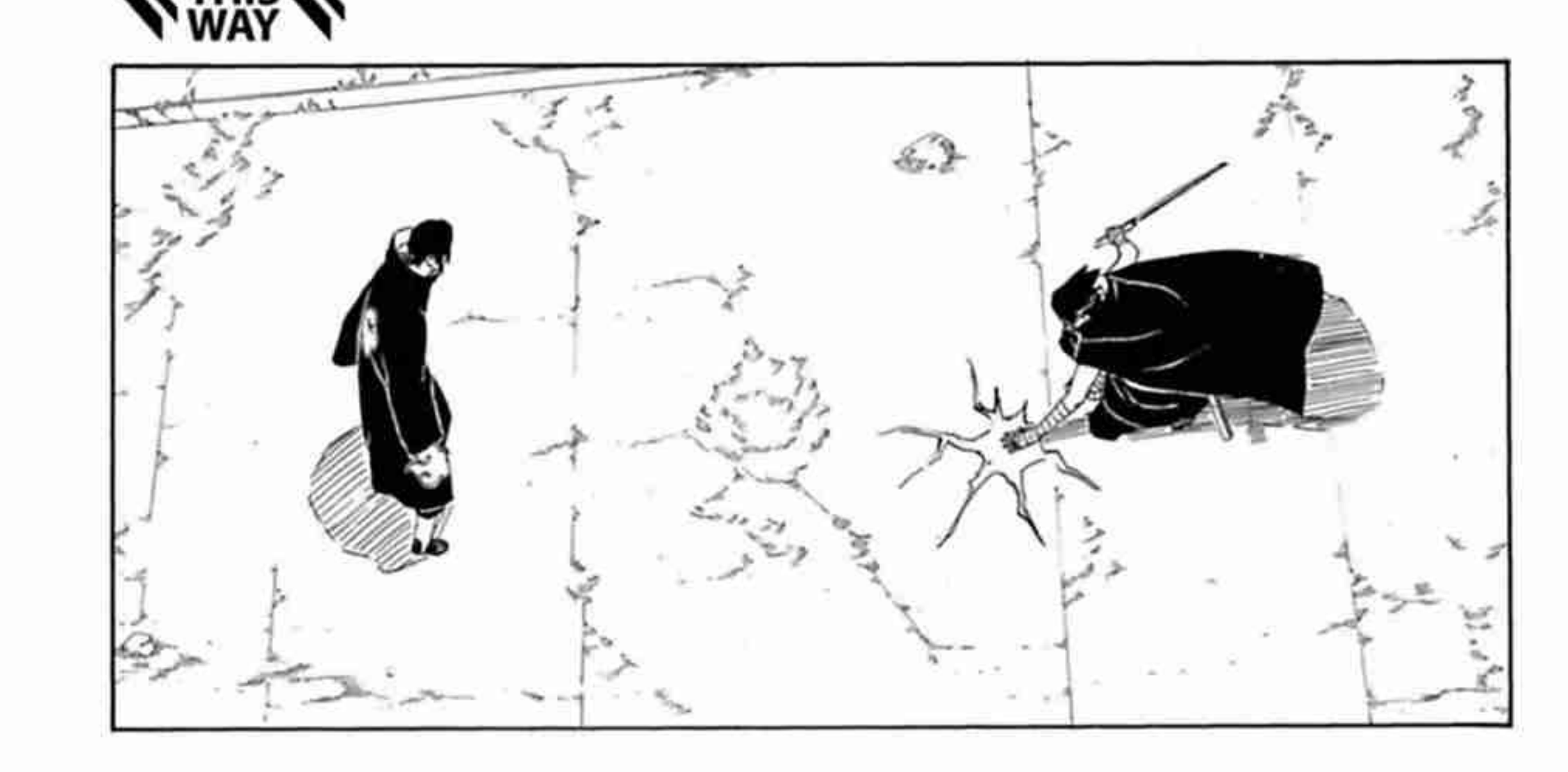
SHUP

VRRNCH

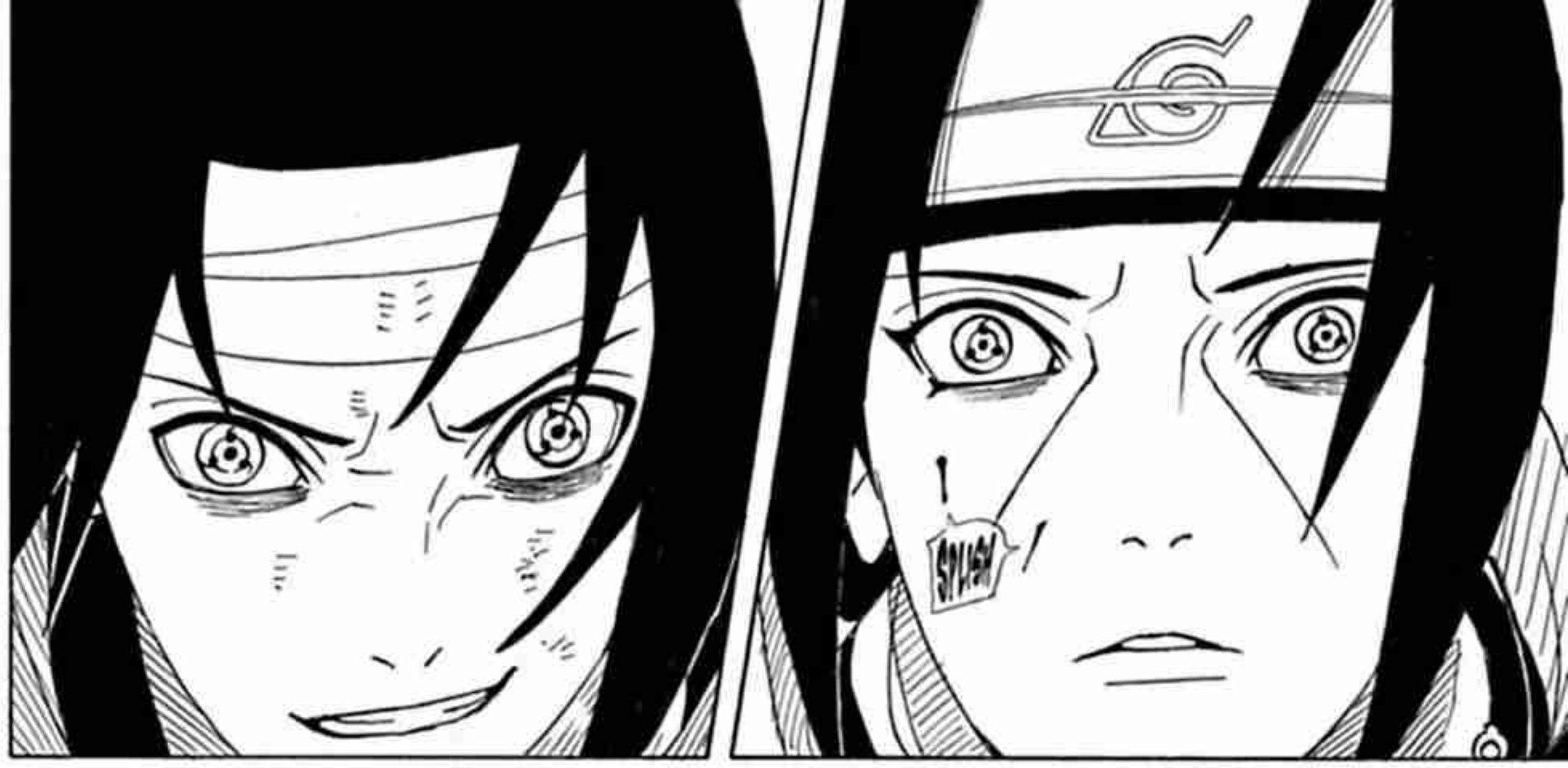
CHKP
CHKP

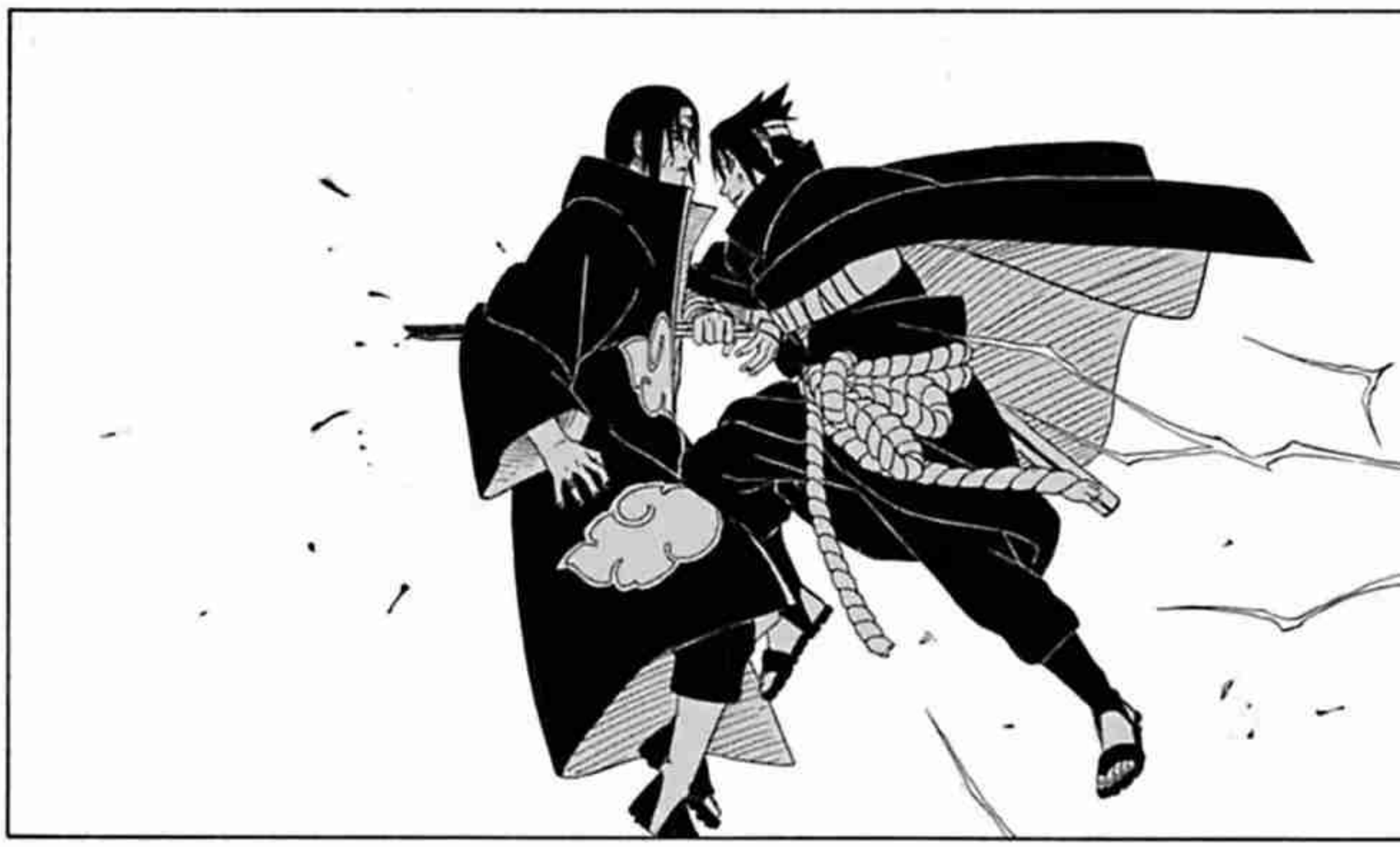
BW
CHIDORI STREAM !!
AH

READ
THIS
WAY



CHIKP
CHIKP
CHIKP CHIKP
!
FIAP

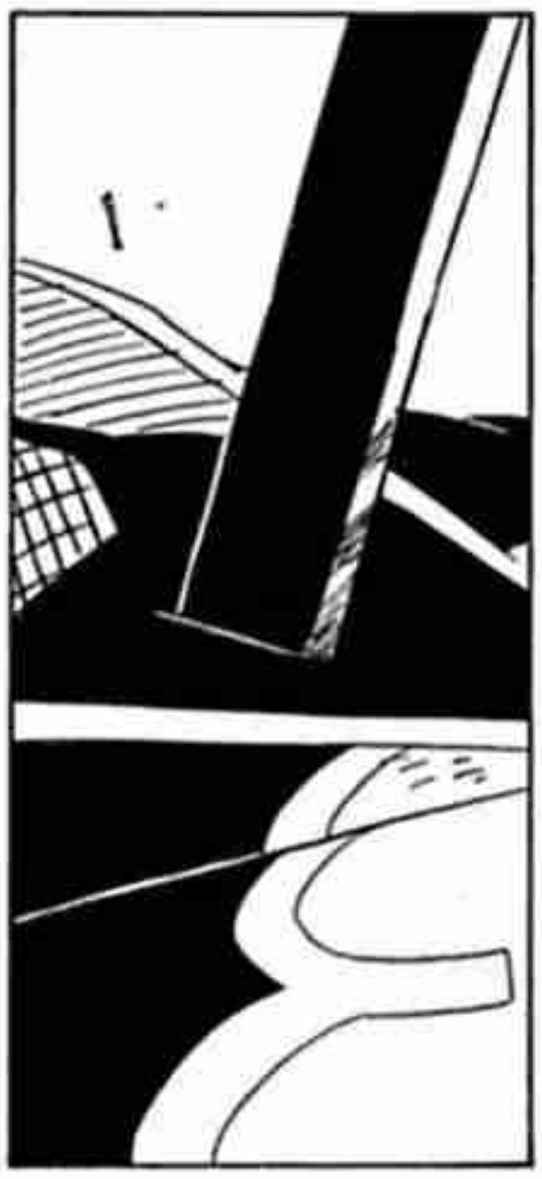

SPLASH



THUD...

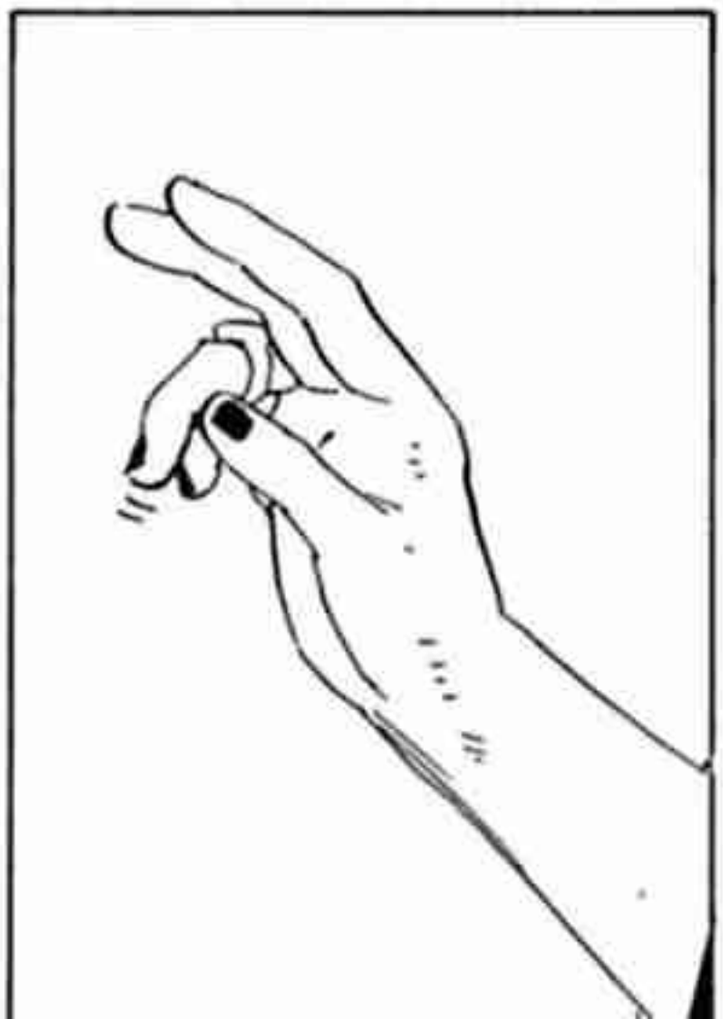
SPITTER...

YOU'VE... GOTTEN STRONGER ...



...I HAVE ONE LAST THING TO ASK.

ITACHI...



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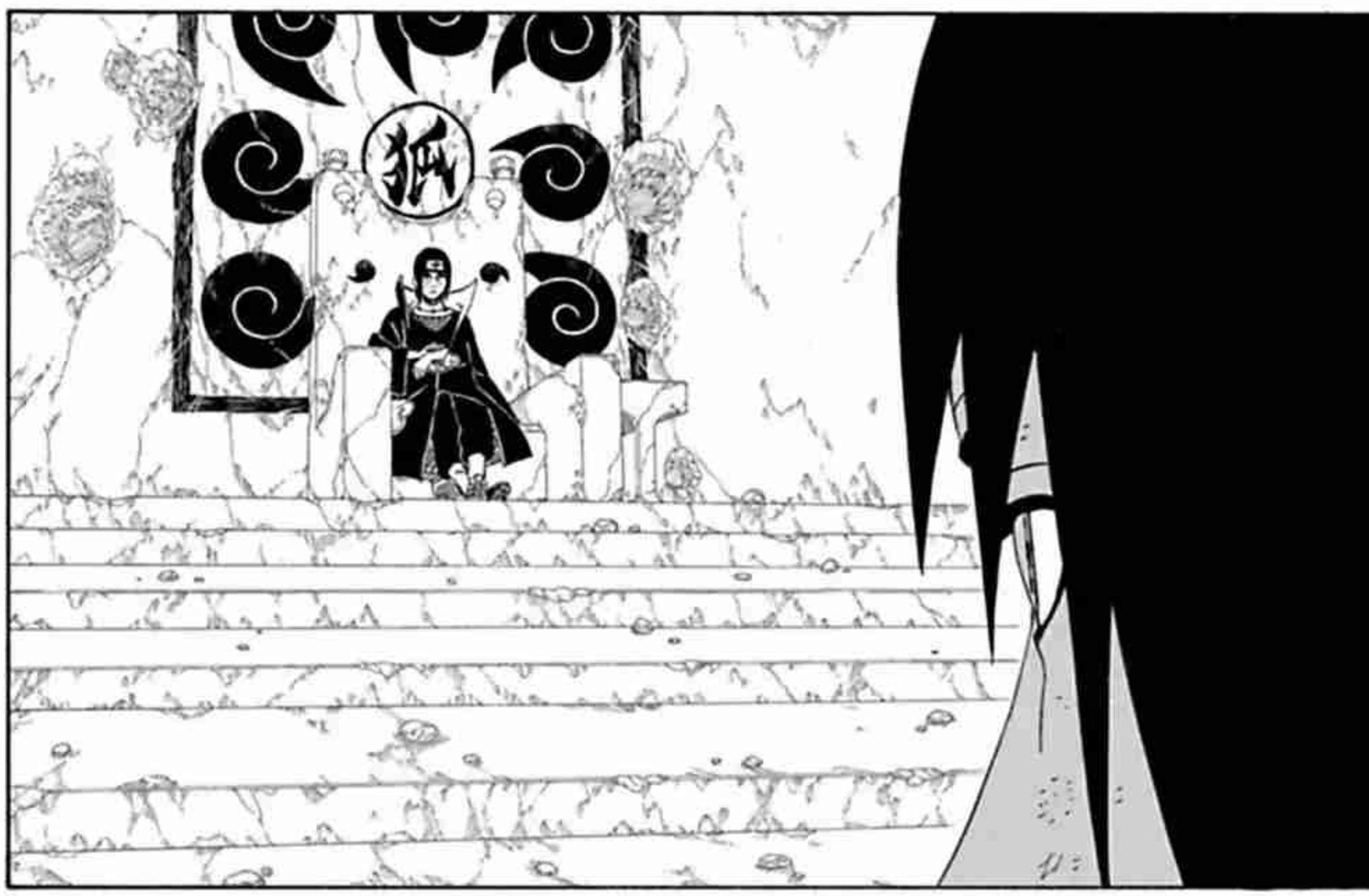
SWSH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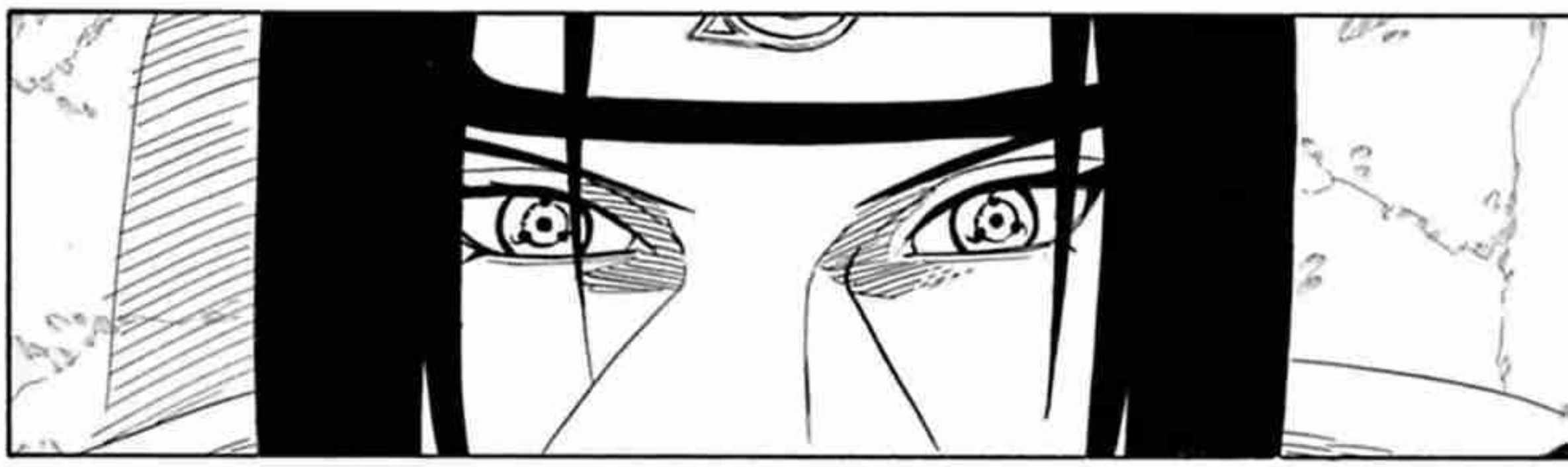
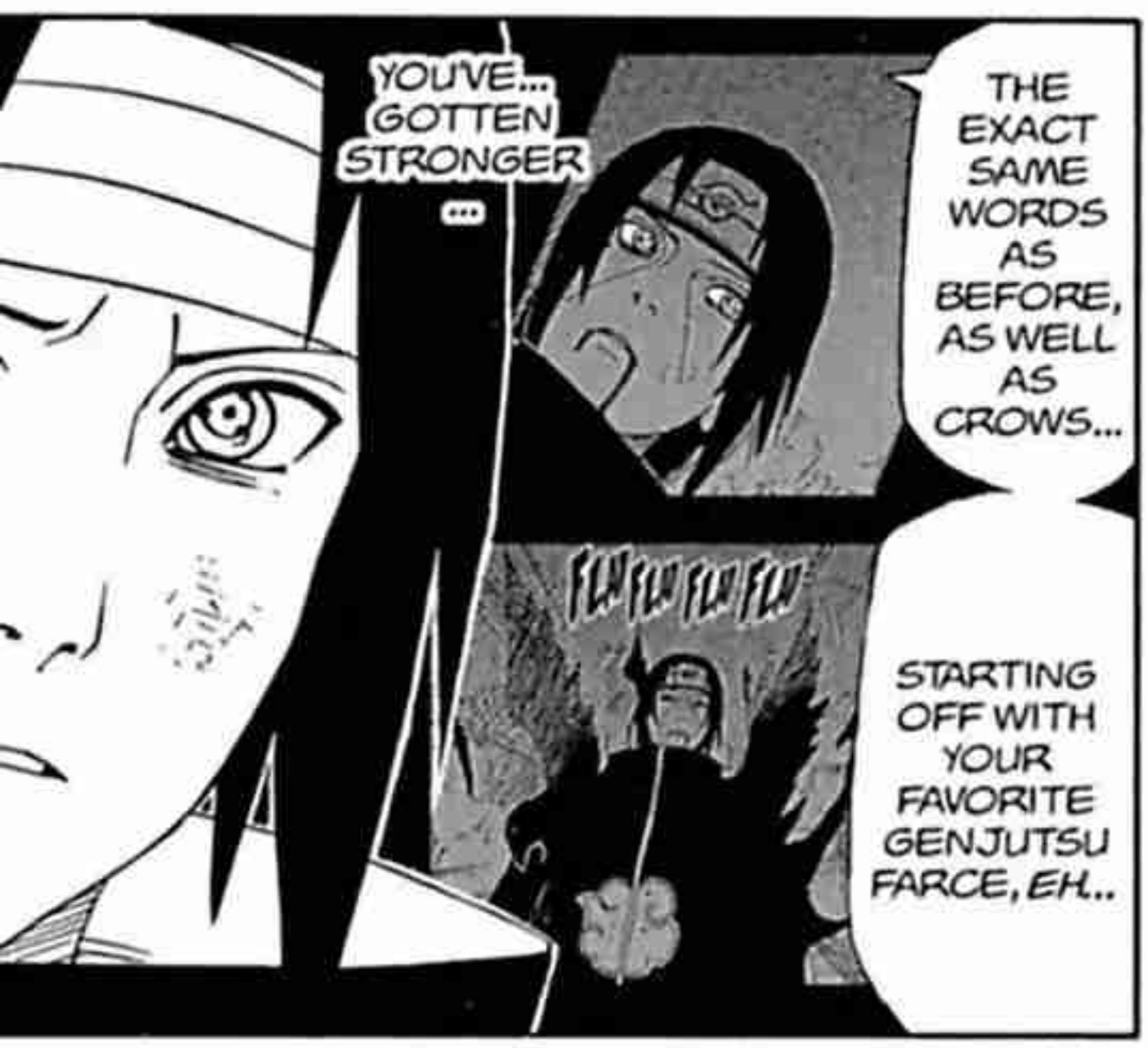


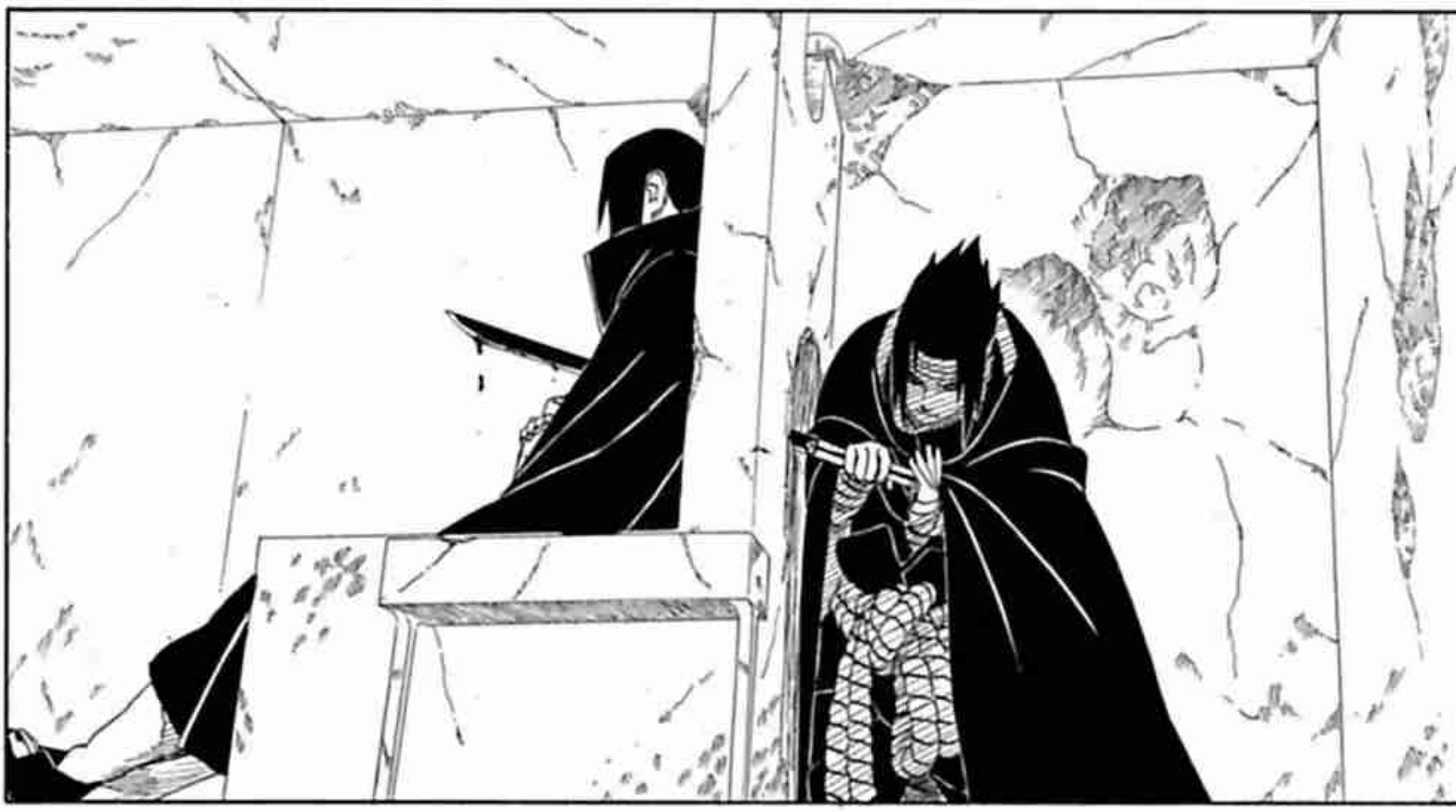
FLAP FLAPFLAP FLAP

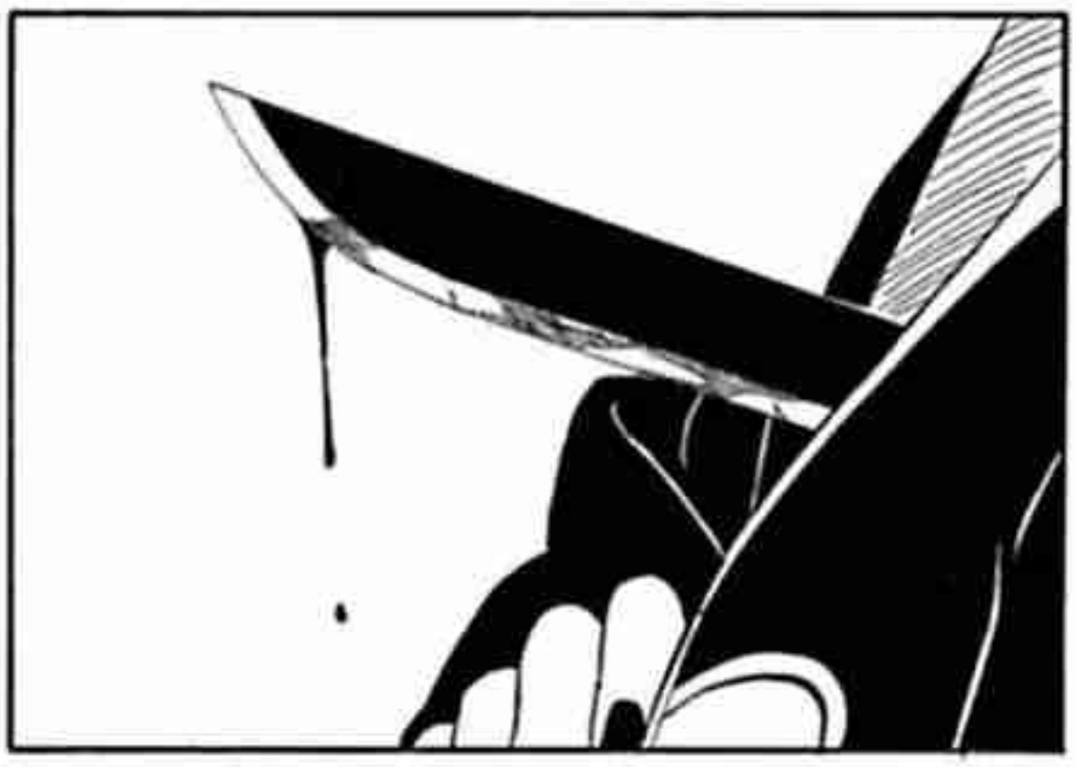

YOU'VE... GOTTEN STRONGER ...
THE EXACT SAME WORDS AS BEFORE, AS WELL AS CROWS...
FLU FLU FLU FLU
STARTING OFF WITH YOUR FAVORITE GENJUTSU FARCE, EH..

FSH...
FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP

...LET ME TRY THIS AGAIN...

IT'S NOT THE "LAST THING," BUT YOU CAN ASK ME.
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?





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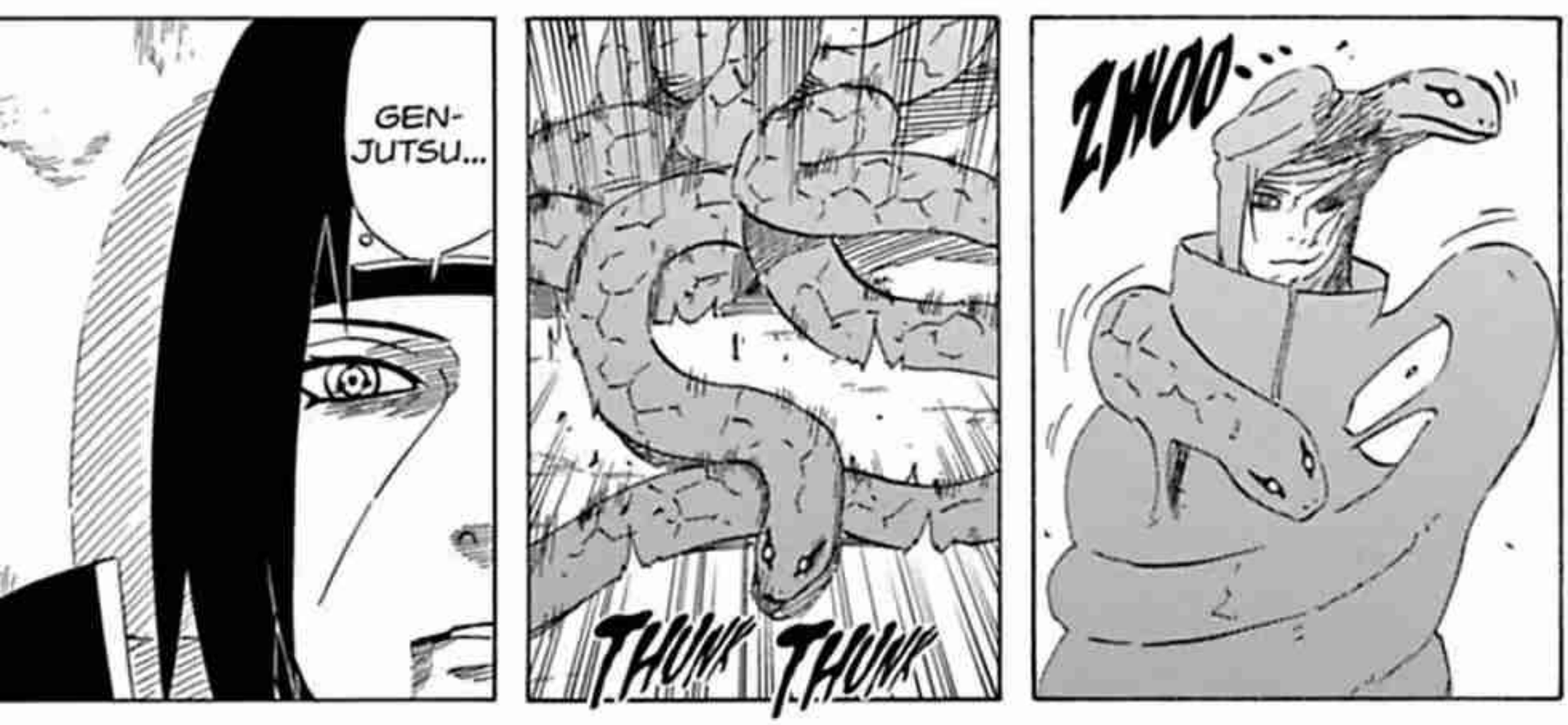
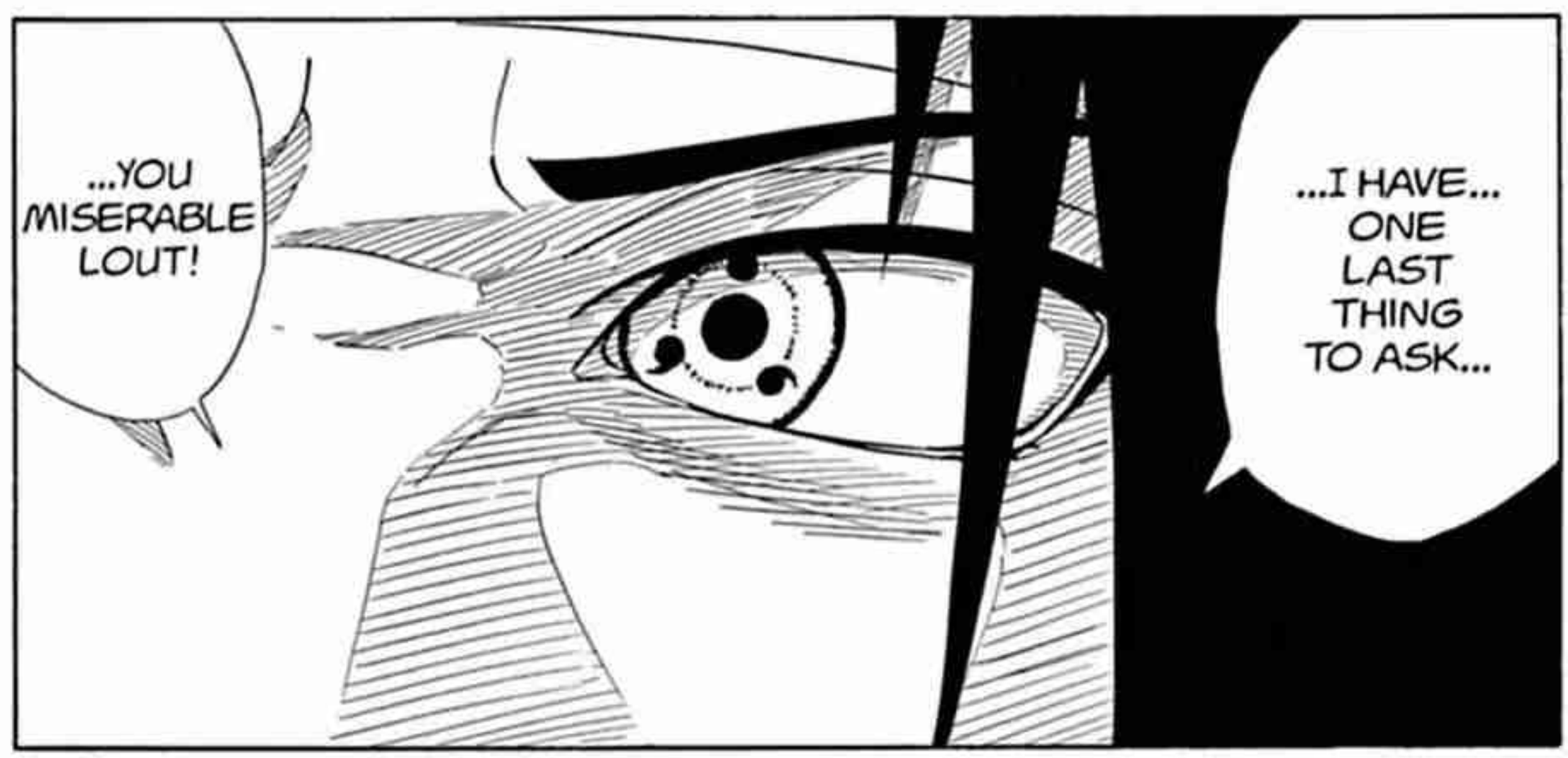
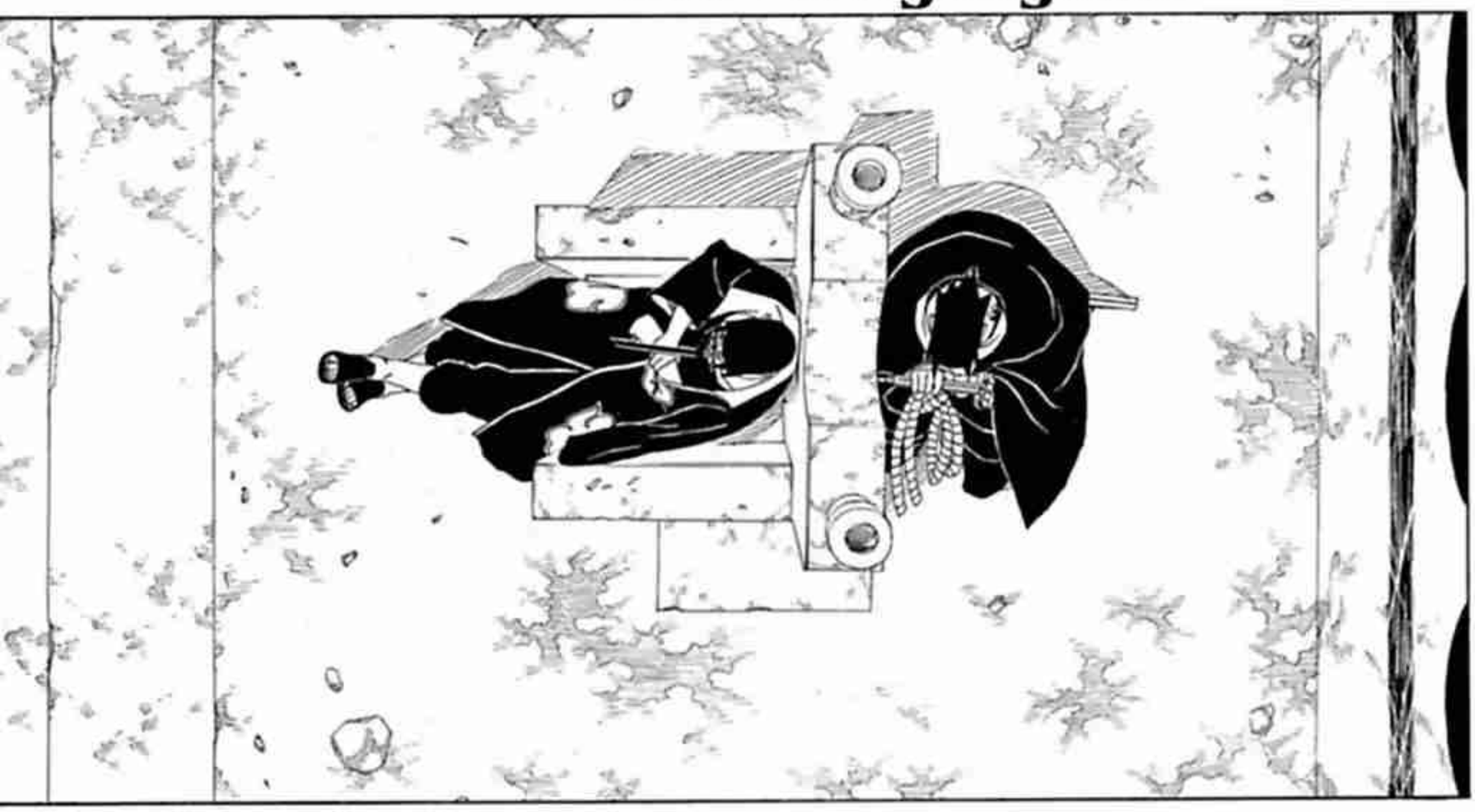
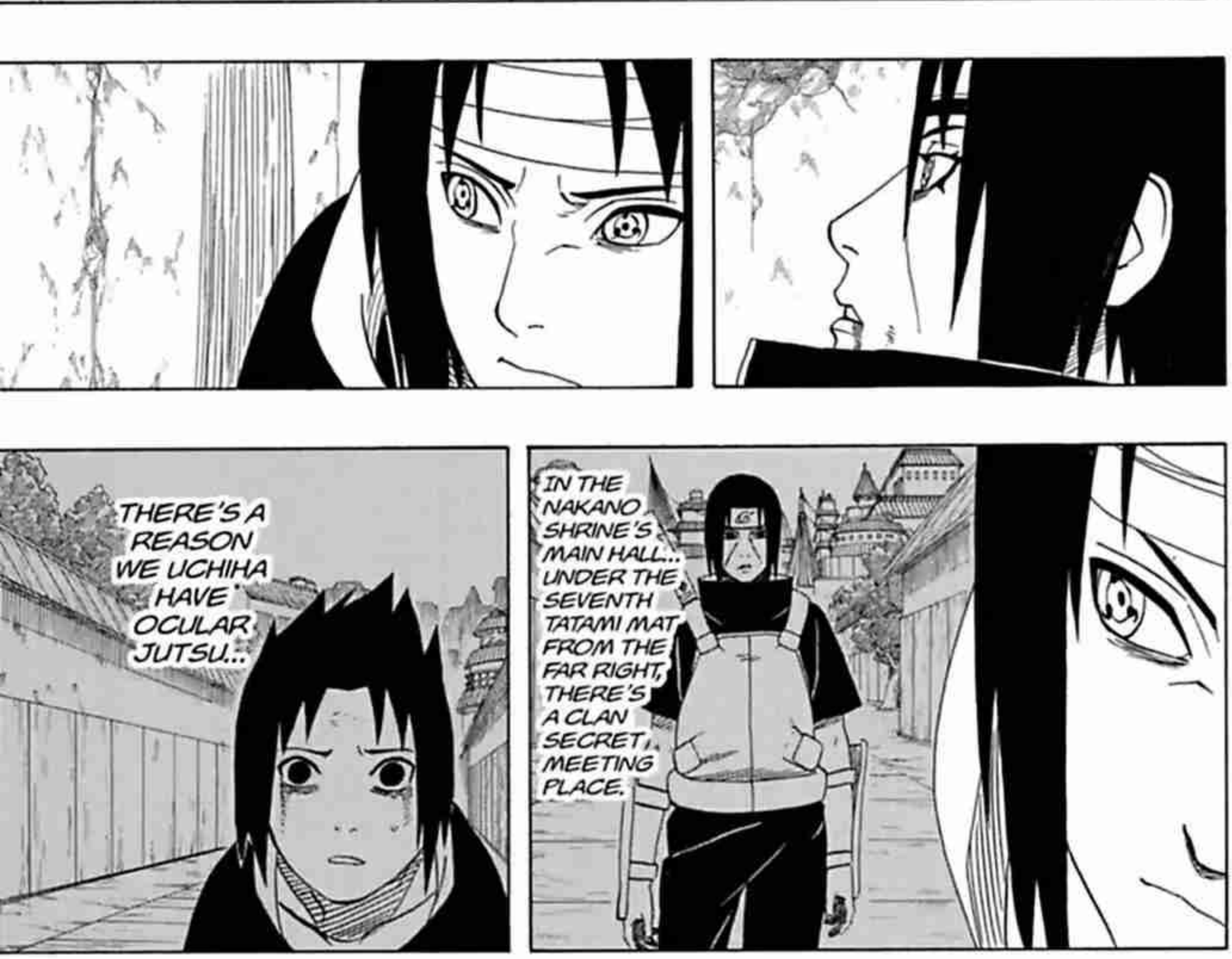

GEN-JUTSU...
THUNK THUNK
ZHOO...

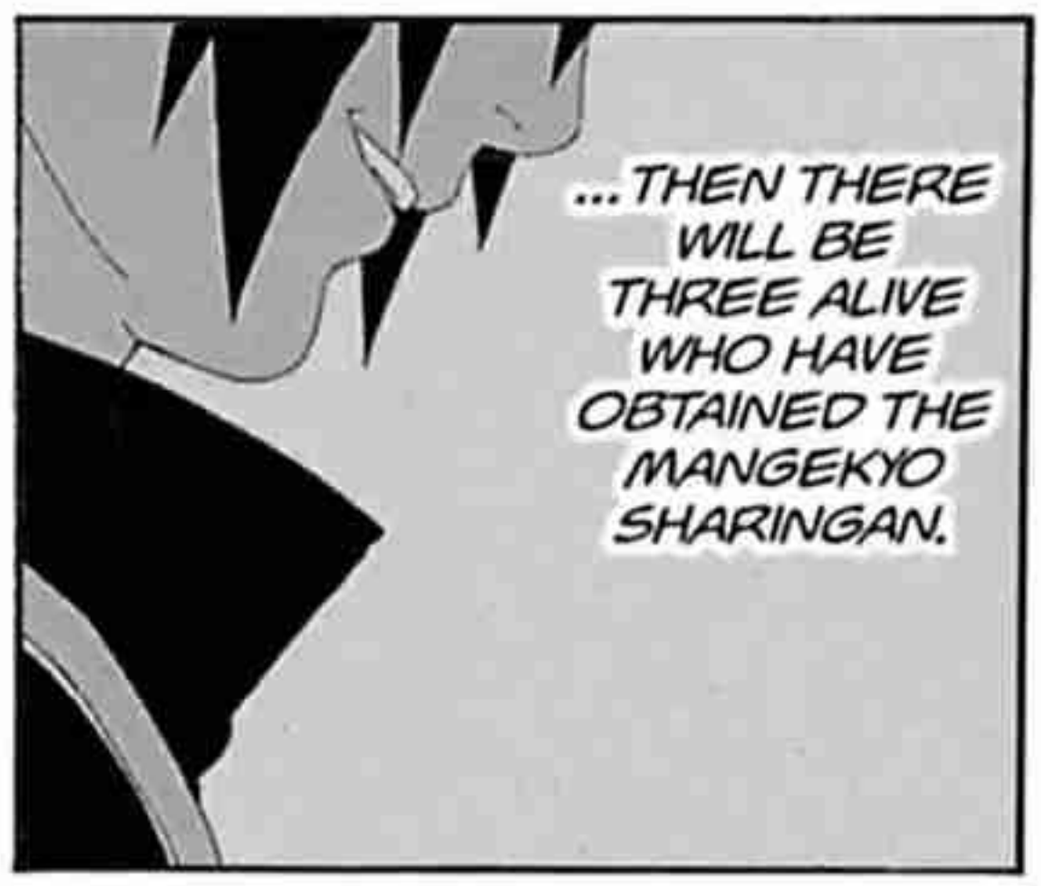

...YOU MISERABLE LOUT!
...I HAVE... ONE LAST THING TO ASK...

NARUTO

Number 385: The Secret of the Mangekyo...!!






...THEN THERE WILL BE THREE ALIVE WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

THE TRUTH IS WRITTEN THERE.

GNASH

...THEN I WILL BE RIGHT IN LETTING YOU LIVE.
IF THAT HAPPENS ...

...YOU DELIBERATELY... AVOIDED A VITAL SPOT, HUH...
ANSWER MY QUESTION.
OR ELSE THE PAIN IN YOUR CHEST WILL CONTINUE TO GROW UNABATED...

...WHO ELSE HAS THE MANGEKYO...

...AND IS THE THIRD LIVING UCHIHA?

WHO IS IT...?

WHY... DO YOU EVEN HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HIM?

...

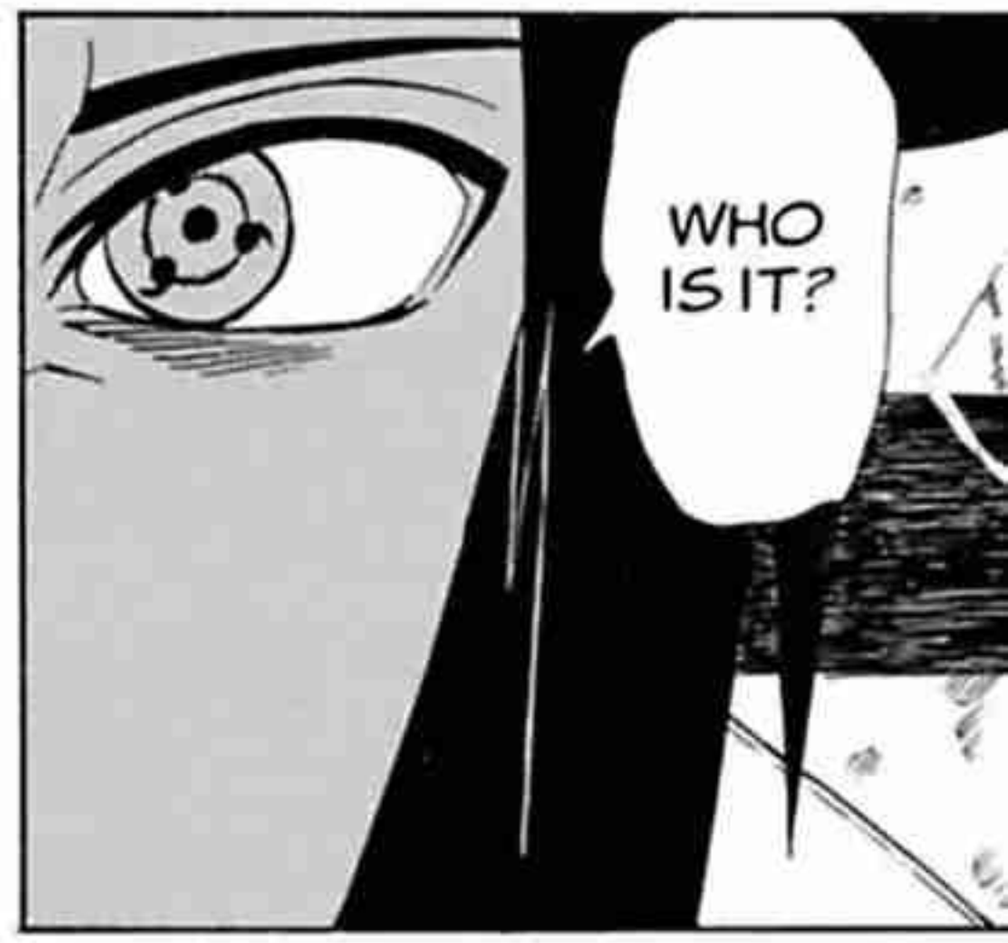
KILL HIM?

...THAT'S WHY.

WELL, AFTER I DEAL WITH YOU, I'M GOING TO KILL HIM NEXT...

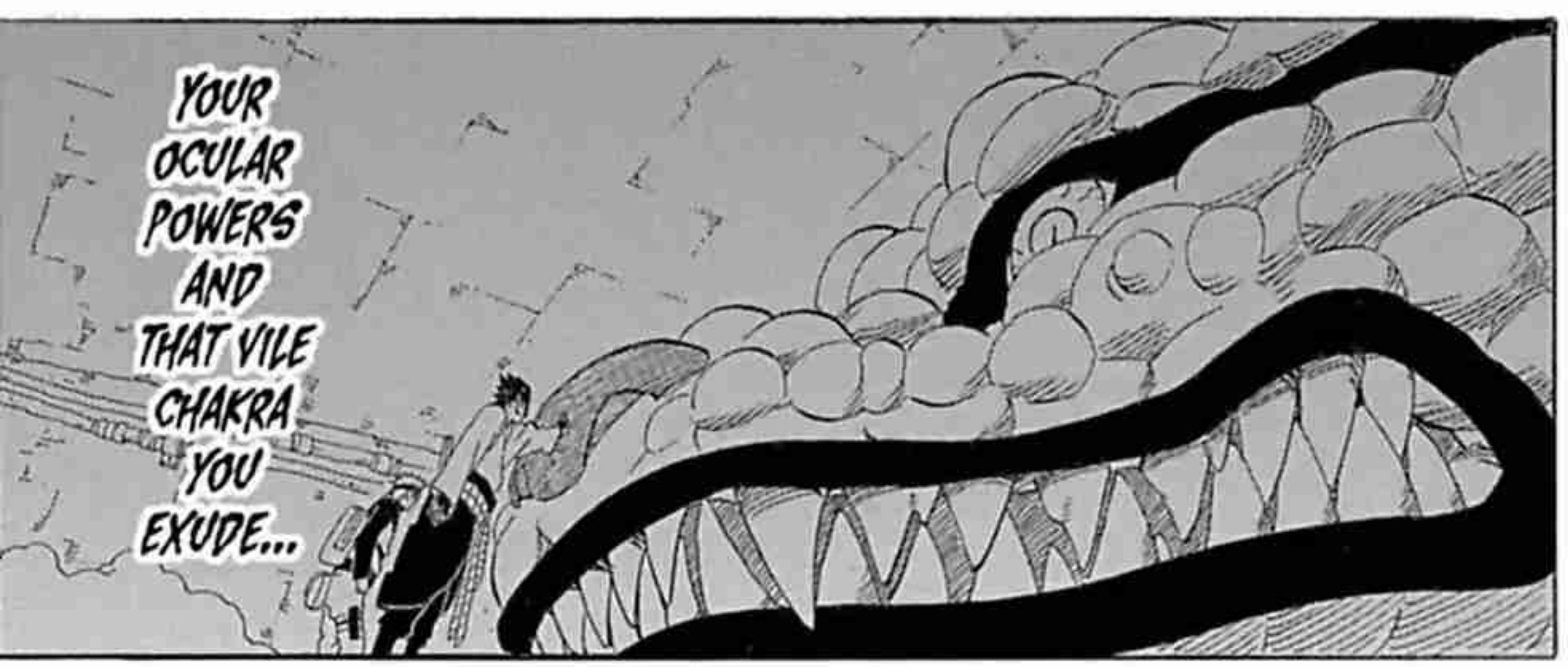
BACK WHEN YOU SLAUGHTERED OUR CLAN, YOU MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF ONE OTHER...

THE OTHER UCHIHA YOU DIDN'T KILL... MUST HAVE BEEN A COLLABORATOR...



THIP

UCHIHA MADARA.


YOUR OCULAR POWERS AND THAT VILE CHAKRA YOU EXUDE...

...AND THE MAN WHO FIRST AWAKENED THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF KONO-HAGAKURE ...

...REMIND ME OF UCHIHA MADARA...

ARE YOU PLAYING WITH ME?!

THEN HOW COULD HE STILL BE ALIVE?!

FOUNDER ...?

QUIT JOKING AROUND!

WHETHER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT IS YOUR CHOICE.

...MADARA IS ALIVE.

WE ALL LIVE INSIDE OUR OWN FANTASIES, DON'T YOU THINK?

HOWEVER, BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ARE EQUIVOCAL. ONE'S REALITY MIGHT BE ANOTHER'S ILLUSION.

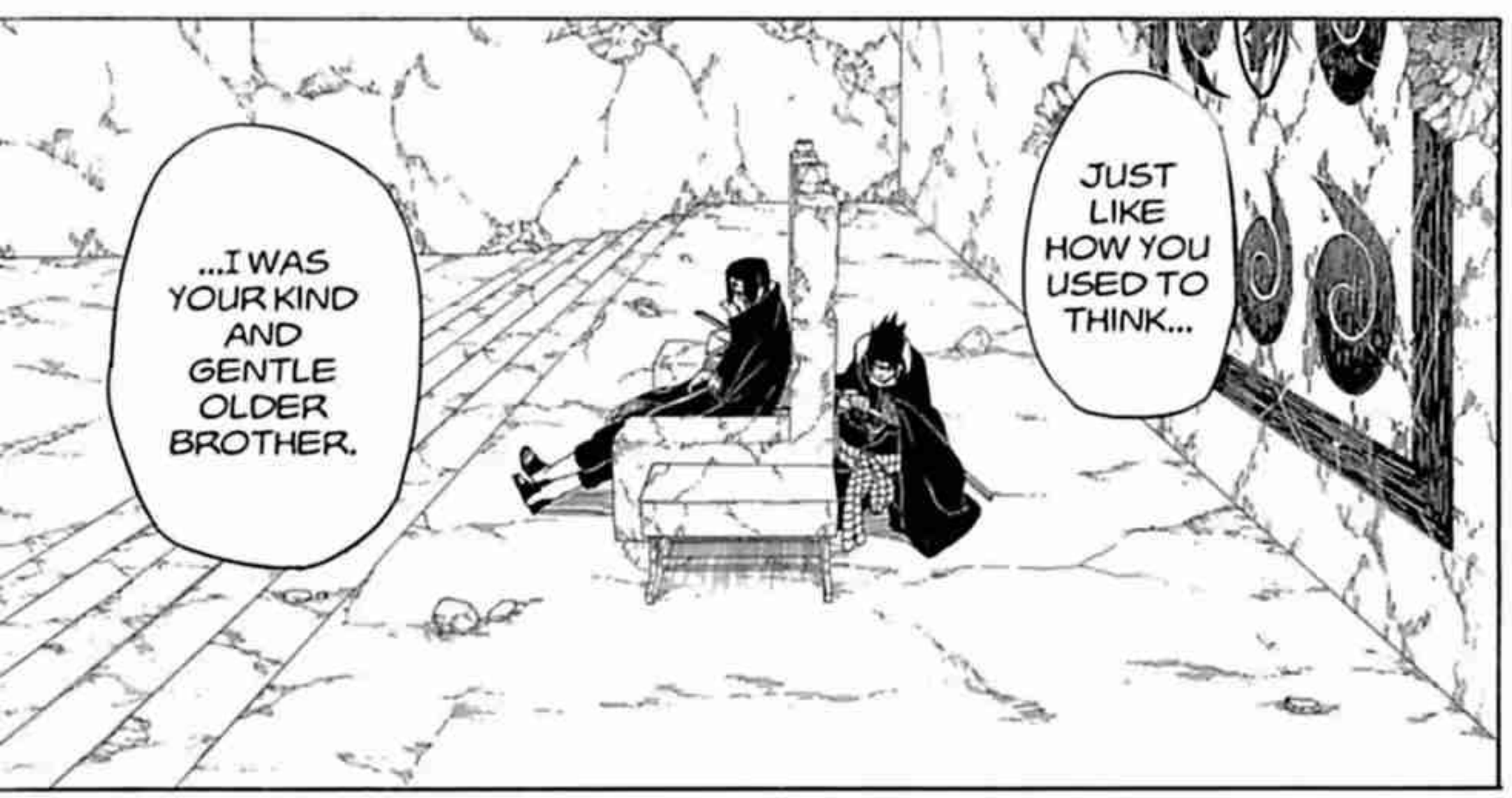
...EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US GOES THROUGH LIFE DEPENDING ON AND BOUND BY OUR INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS.

AND WE CALL IT REALITY.

...IS JUST YOUR ARBITRARY ASSUMP-TION.
THAT YOU THINKING MADARA IS DEAD...

HMPH...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?


...I WAS YOUR KIND AND GENTLE OLDER BROTHER.
JUST LIKE HOW YOU USED TO THINK...

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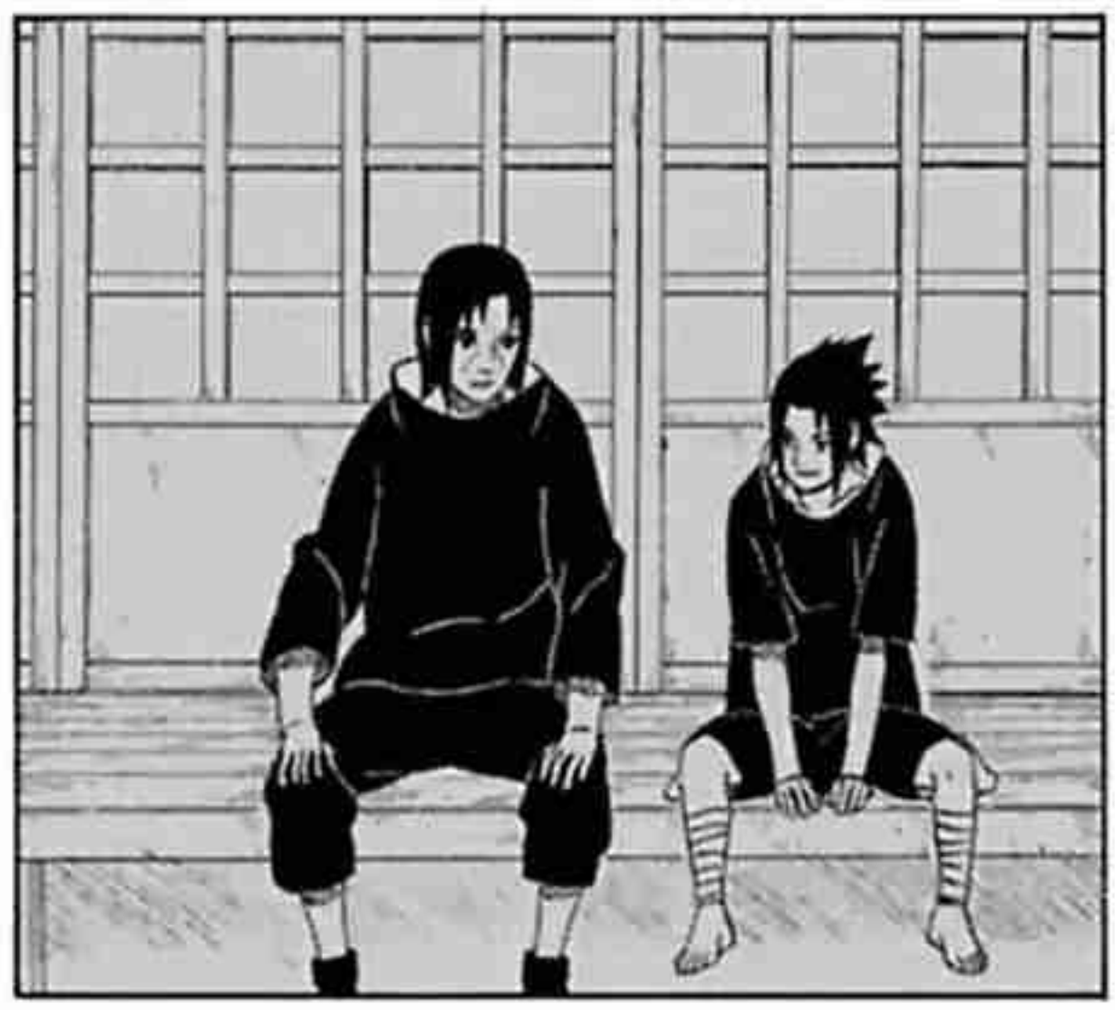
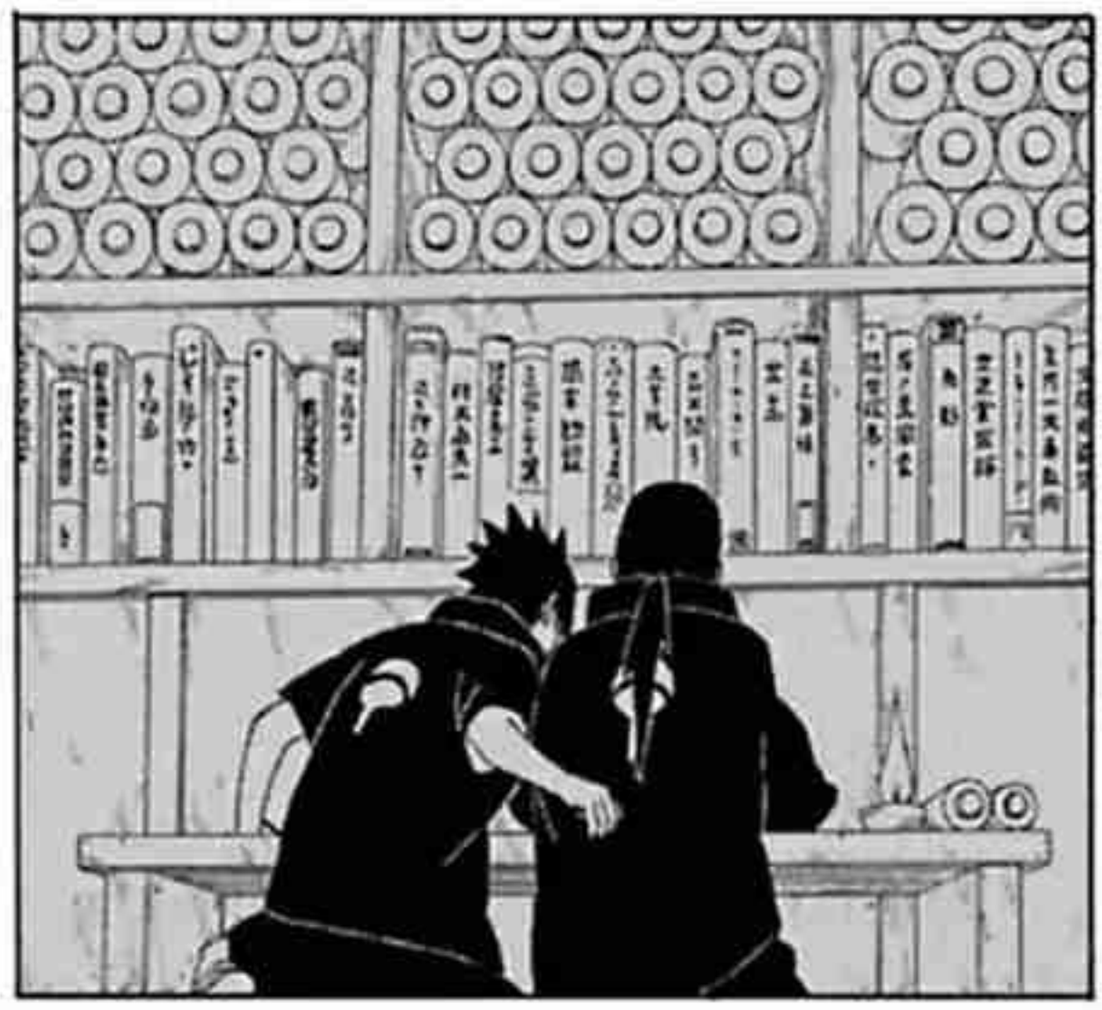
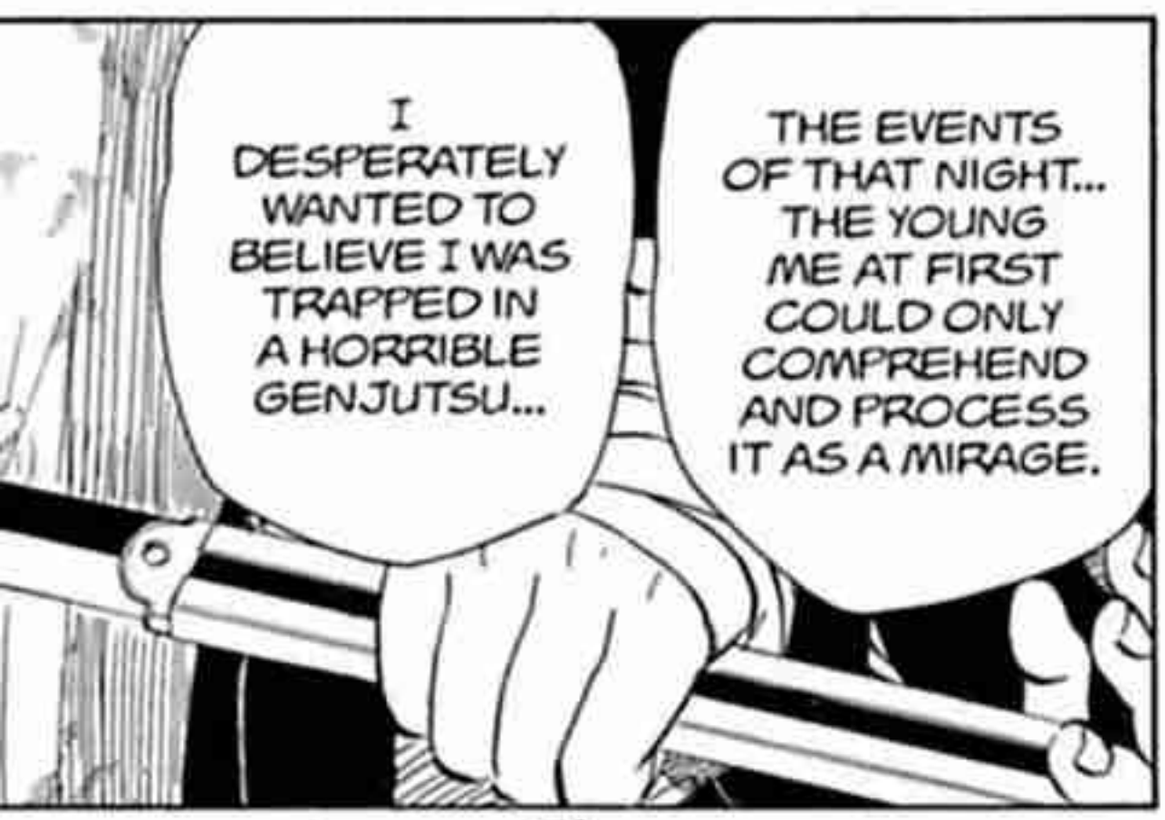




...WAS TO DETER-MINE YOUR ABILITY...
PRE-TENDING TO BE THE KIND OF BROTHER YOU HOPED FOR...


I DESPERATELY WANTED TO BELIEVE I WAS TRAPPED IN A HORRIBLE GENJUTSU...
THE EVENTS OF THAT NIGHT... THE YOUNG ME AT FIRST COULD ONLY COMPREHEND AND PROCESS IT AS A MIRAGE.

...BUT THERE WAS NO MISTAKE, I WAS TRAPPED IN REALITY!!

CHIKI CHIKI

CHIKI

CHIRP!!!!

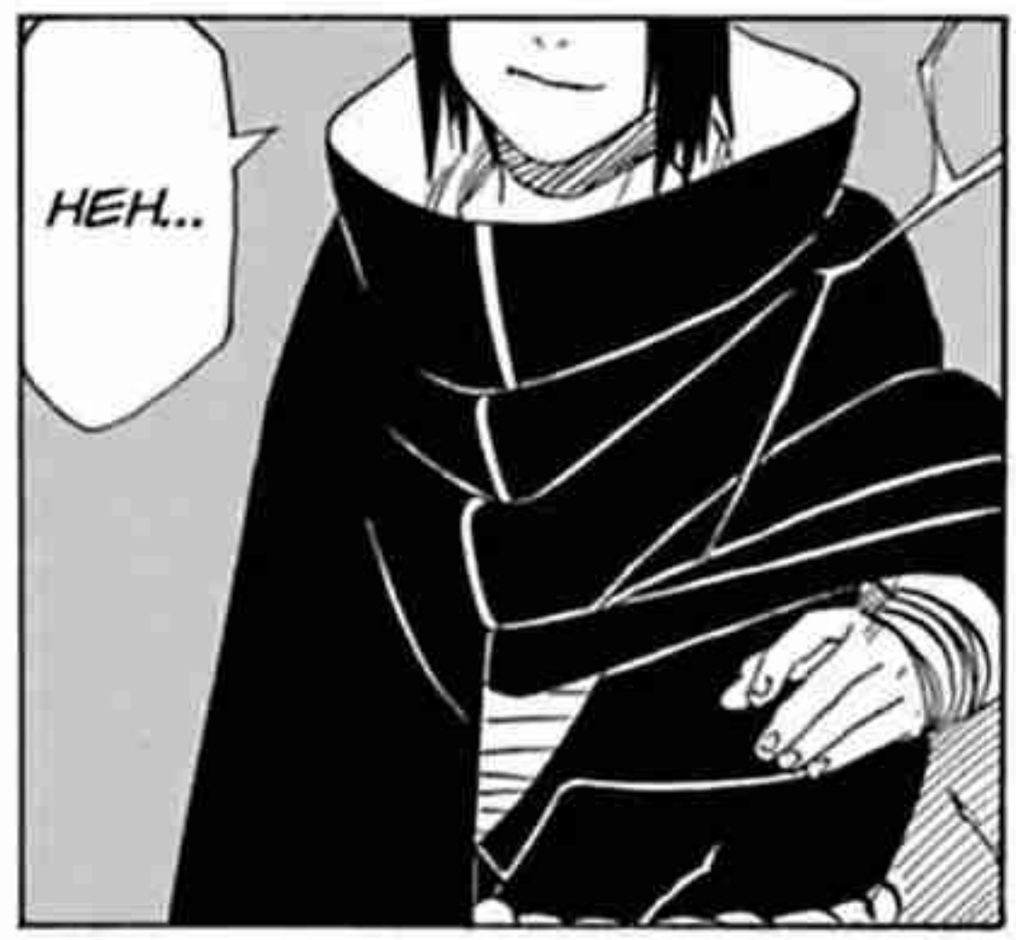
I'M DONE PLAYING ALONG WITH YOUR PARLOR TRICKS.
FSH

WSSH...

CHIKR

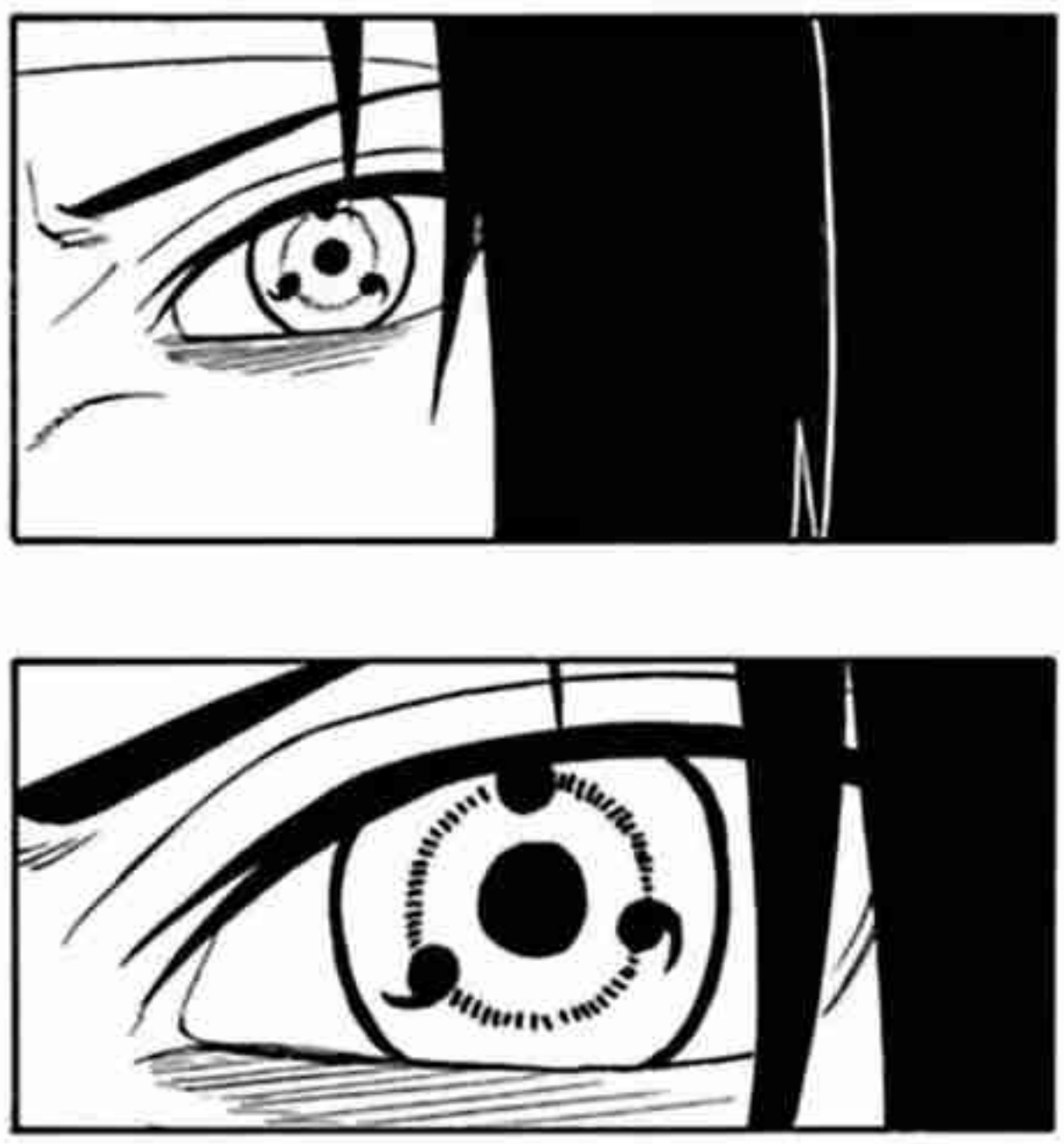
...IT SEEMS YOU STILL DO NOT HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I DO.

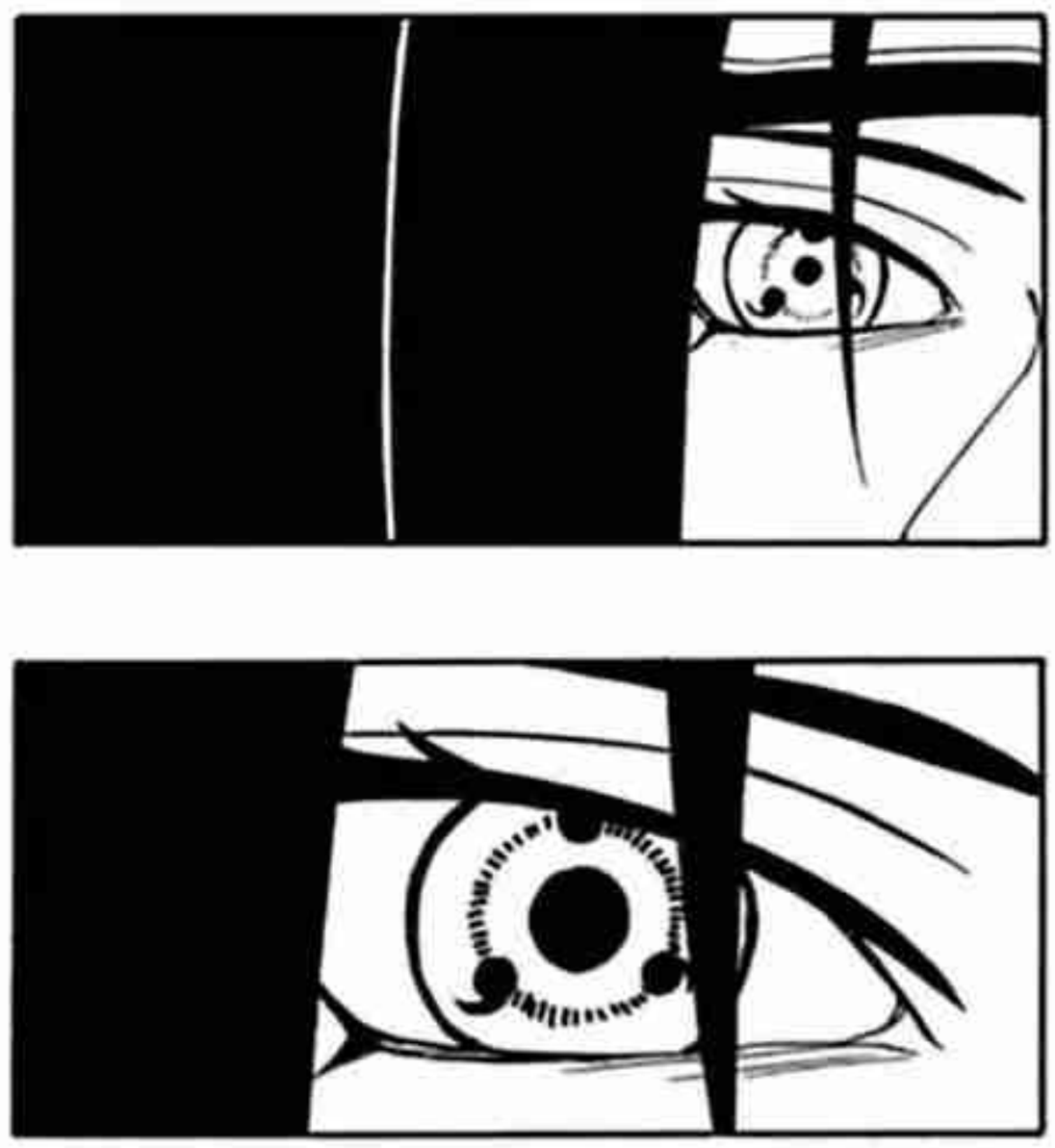
...BUT SASUKE ...



THEY'RE EXCHANGING GENJUTSU.

THE TWO OF THEM HAVEN'T BUDGED AT ALL FOR THE LONGEST TIME.





...?

...ARE VERY SPECIAL EYES...
THE MANGEKYO SHARIN-GAN...

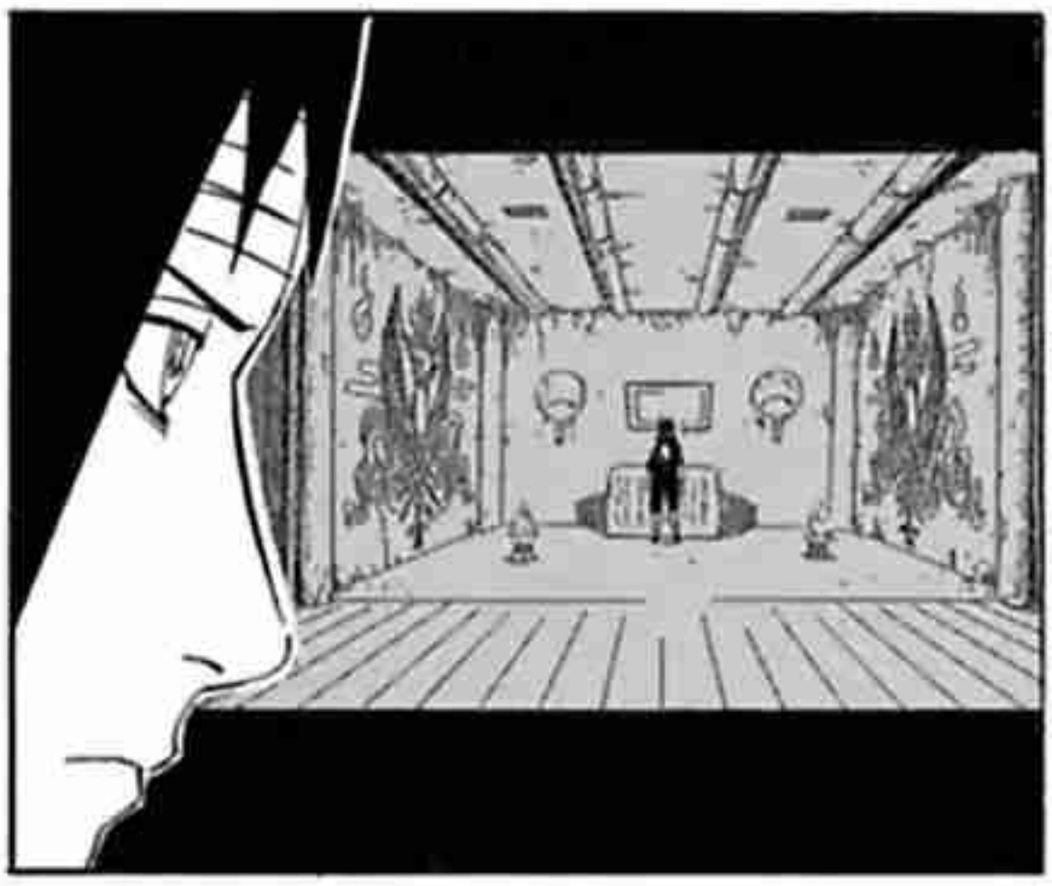
AND THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE QUICKER THEY BECOME SEALED.
FROM THE MOMENT THEY AWAKEN, THEY CONTINUOUSLY PROGRESS TOWARD DARKNESS.

THE MANGEKYO EVENTUALLY LOSE THEIR LIGHT...
FSSH...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THAT'S THE PRICE OF OBTAINING THE POWER TO CONTROL NINE TAILS, EH.

BLIND-NESS...



HEH...

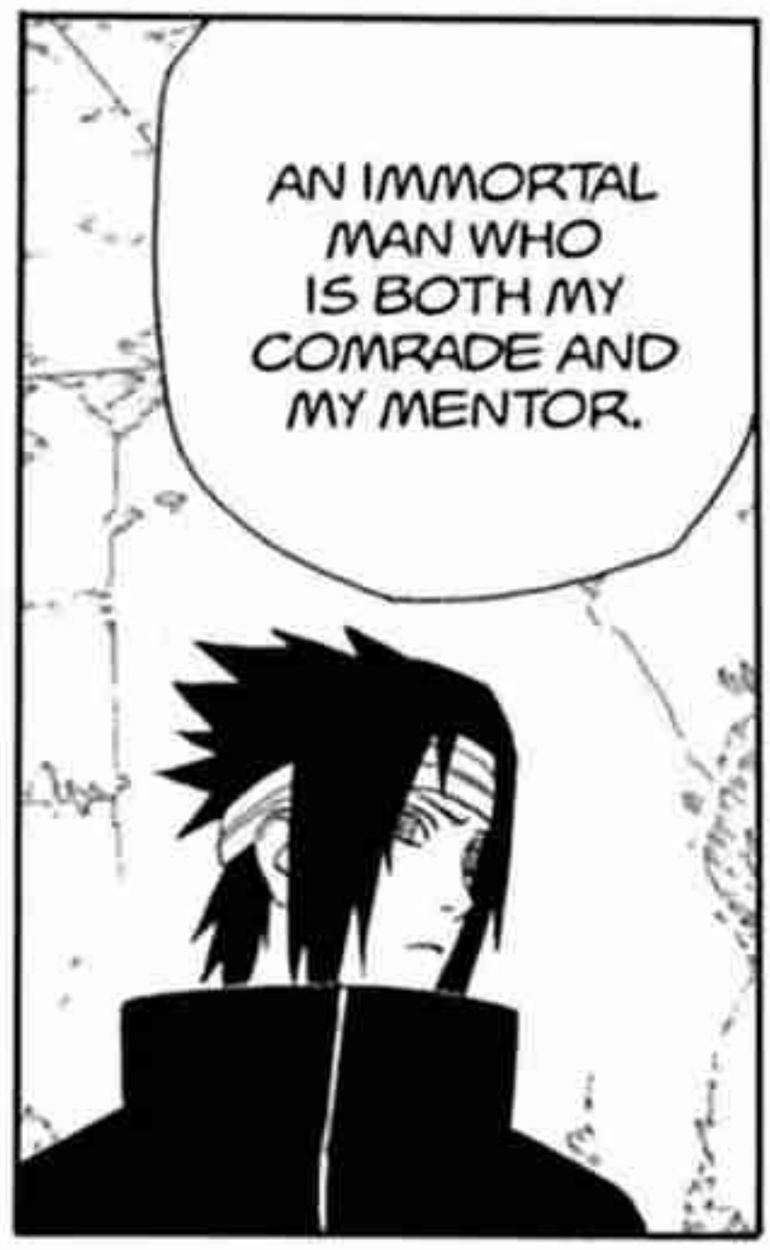
GOOD, IT SEEMS YOU FOLLOWED MY INSTRUCTIONS AND READ THE LITHOGRAPHS IN THE SECRET UCHIHA MEET-ING PLACE.

SHUD

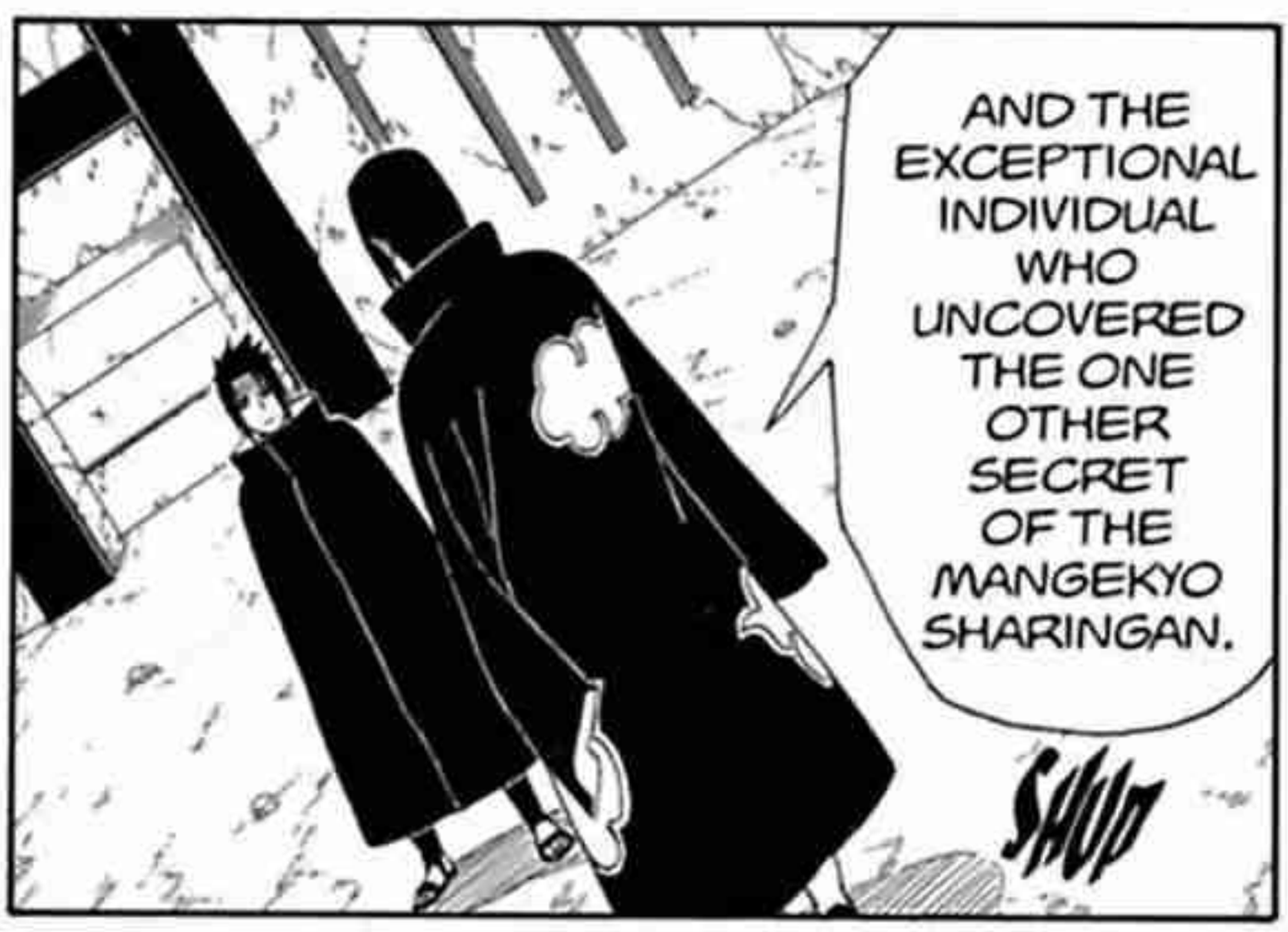
...EXACTLY WHO AND WHAT IS HE?

MADARA...

READ
THIS
WAY


AN IMMORTAL MAN WHO IS BOTH MY COMRADE AND MY MENTOR.

THE FIRST MAN TO TAME NINE TAILS WITH HIS EYES.
SSH...


AND THE EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL WHO UNCOVERED THE ONE OTHER SECRET OF THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
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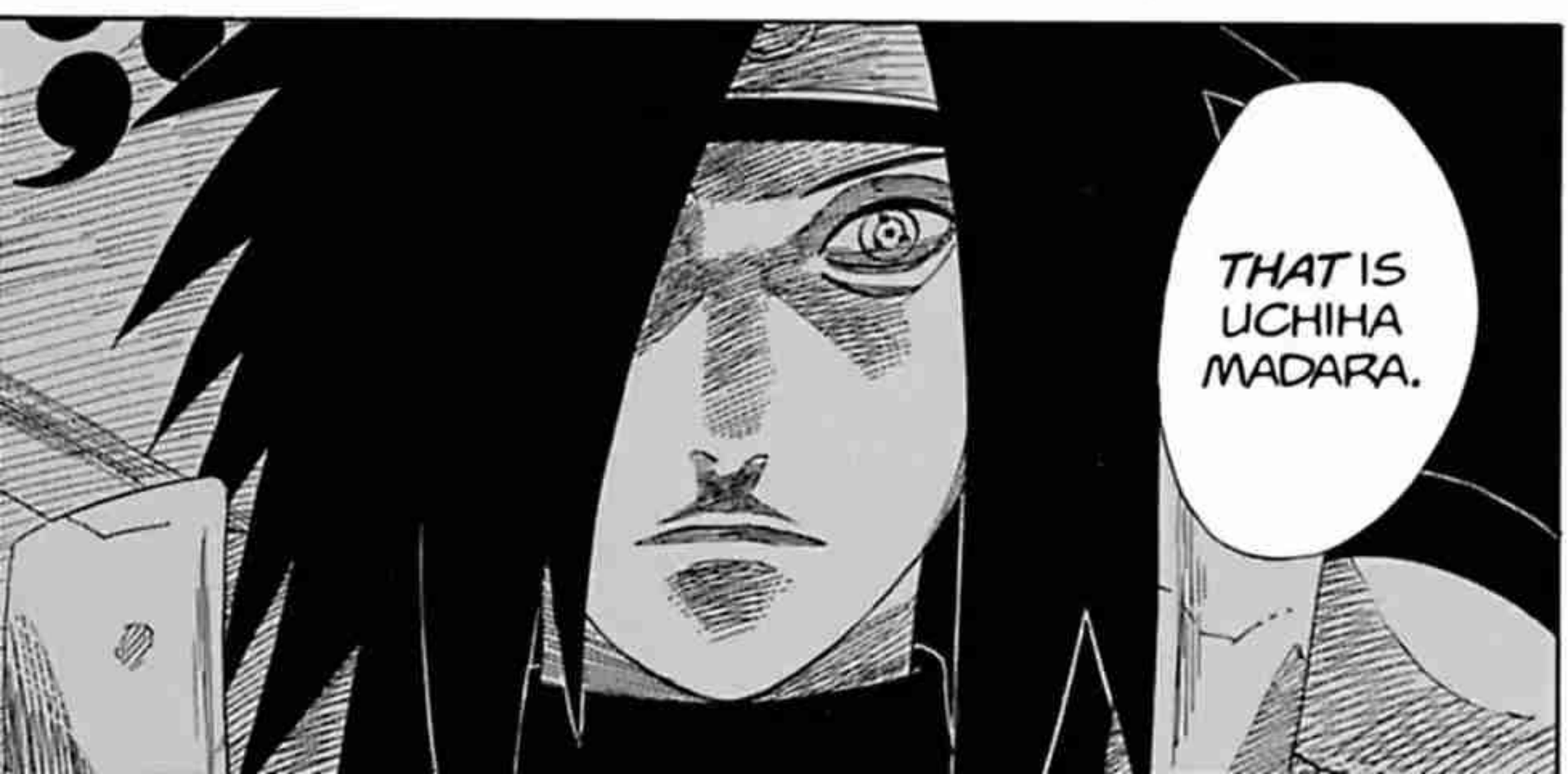
THAT IS UCHIHA MADARA.

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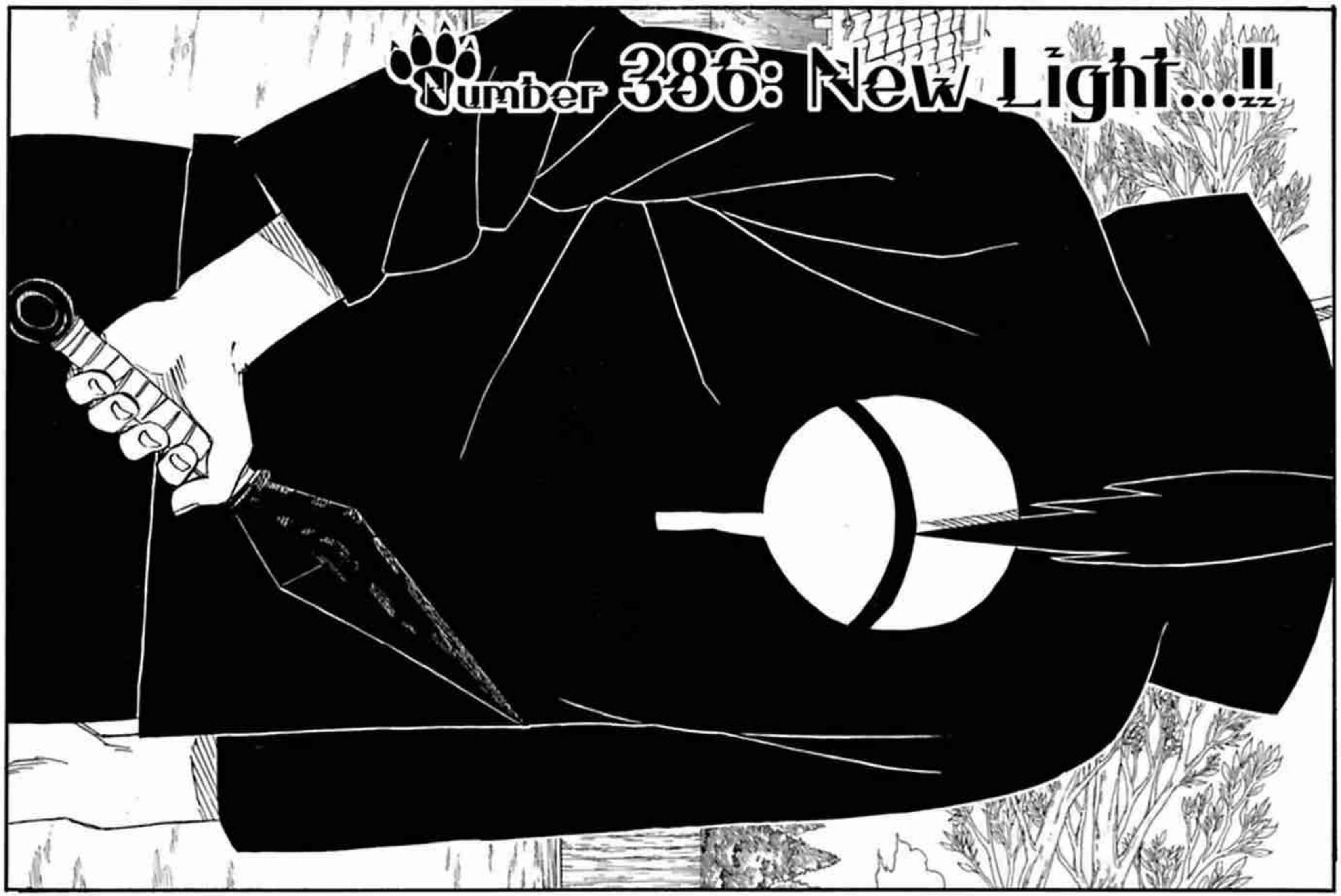
Number 386: New Light...!!

...AND ONE OTHER SECRET OF THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN?

UCHIHA MADARA...

...IS ACTUALLY THE MOST CRUCIAL ONE.

THAT'S RIGHT... THIS ONE OTHER SECRET...

?!

PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UCHIHA.
LET ME START FROM THE BEGINNING WITH SOME OLD TALES.

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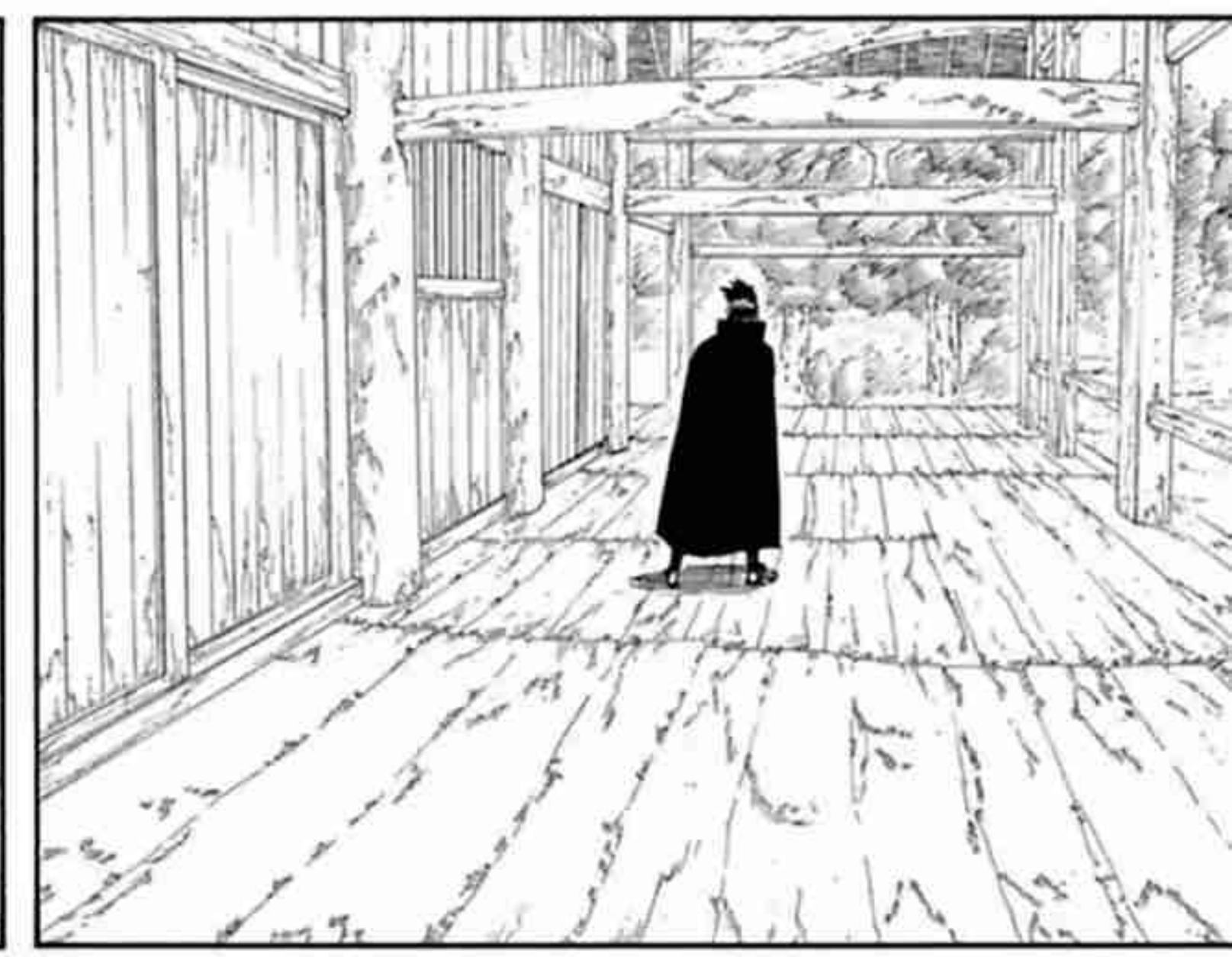
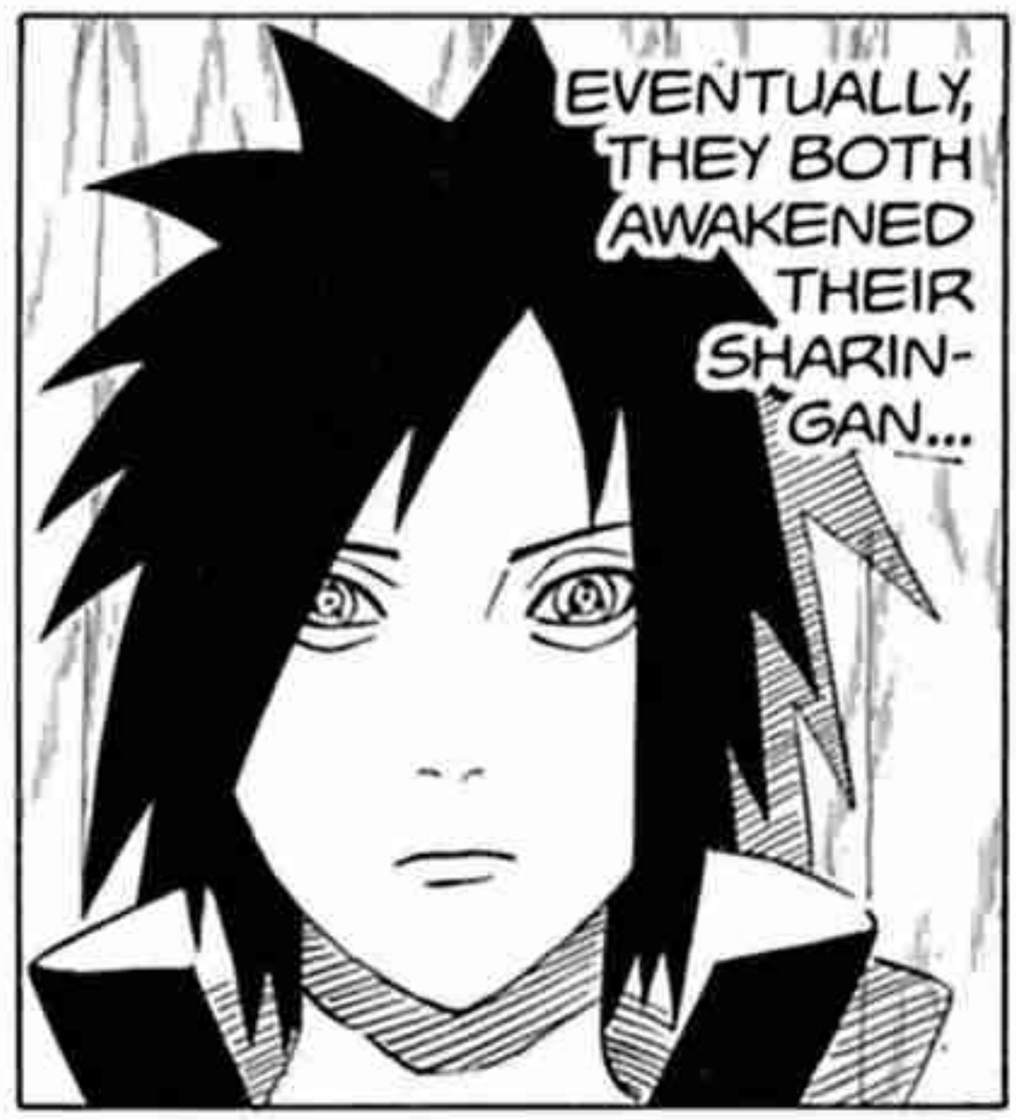
MADARA ONCE HAD A SIBLING AS WELL.
...A YOUNGER BROTHER, IN FACT.

FSH...



FROM WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN, THE TWO CONSTANTLY TESTED AND HONED THEIR SKILLS AGAINST EACH OTHER.

...AND MADE NAMES FOR THEM-SELVES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR CLAN.

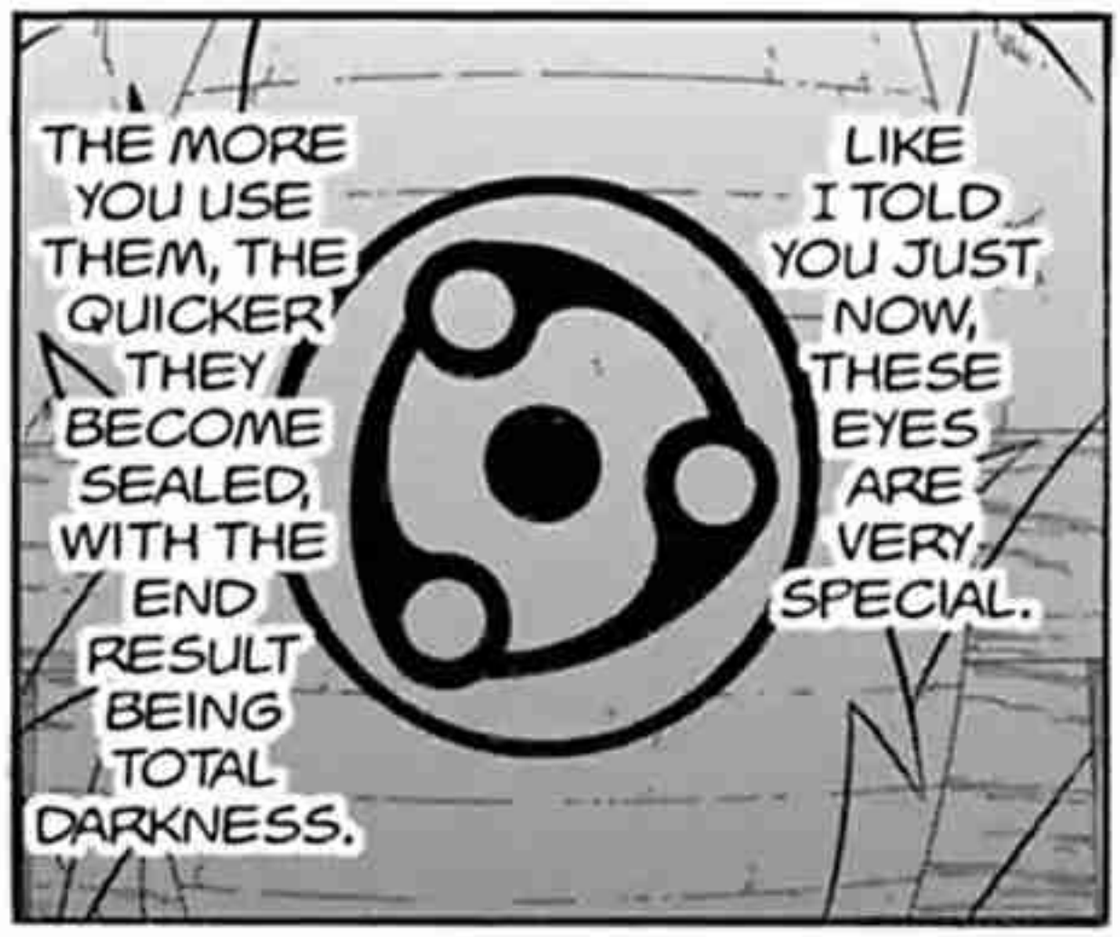

EVENTUALLY, THEY BOTH AWAKENED THEIR SHARIN-GAN...

...

THUS, THE TWO...

THE TWO CONTIN-UED TO PUSH EACH OTHER, EVER SEEKING TO ADVANCE THEIR OCULAR POWERS...

...CAME TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

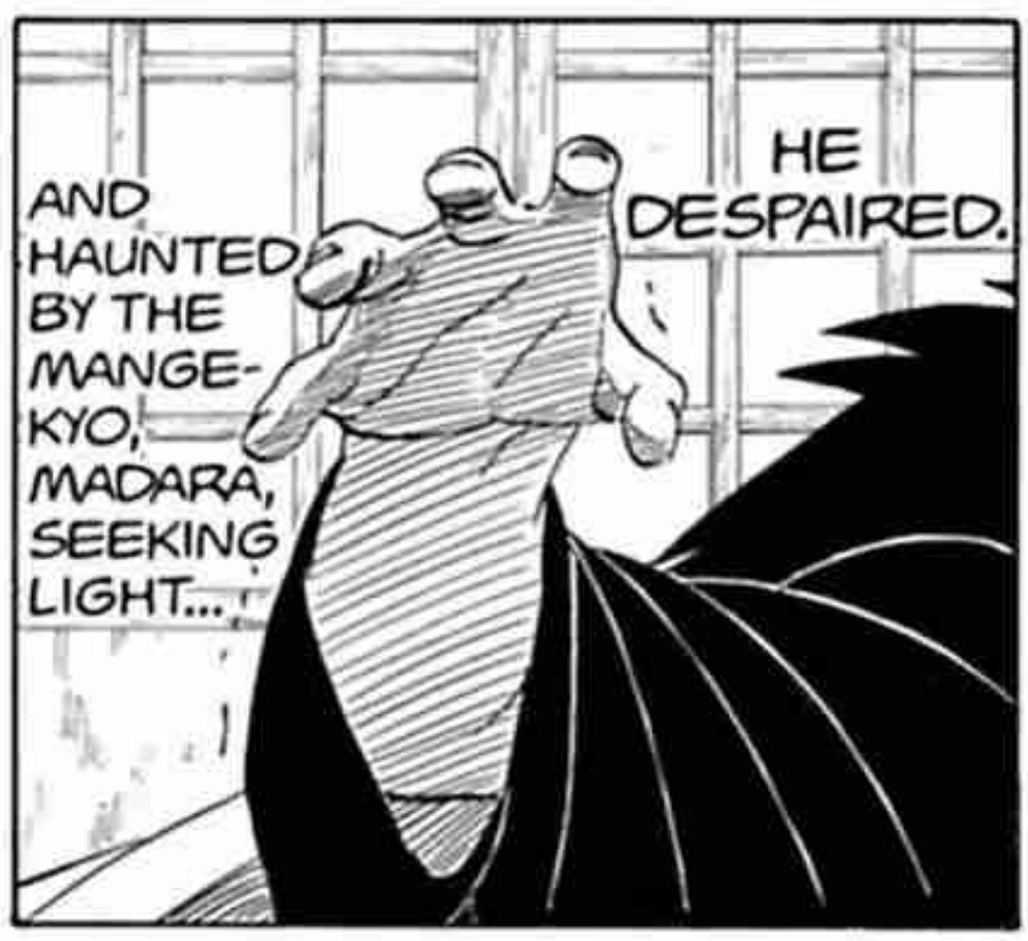

THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE QUICKER THEY BECOME SEALED, WITH THE END RESULT BEING TOTAL DARKNESS.
LIKE I TOLD YOU JUST NOW, THESE EYES ARE VERY SPECIAL.

HOWEVER... MADARA SUDDENLY STARTED SUFFERING ODD SYMPTOMS.

IN ORDER TO RECLAIM THE LIGHT, MADARA TRIED ALL THE METHODS HE COULD FIND, BUT NOTHING WAS EFFECTIVE.

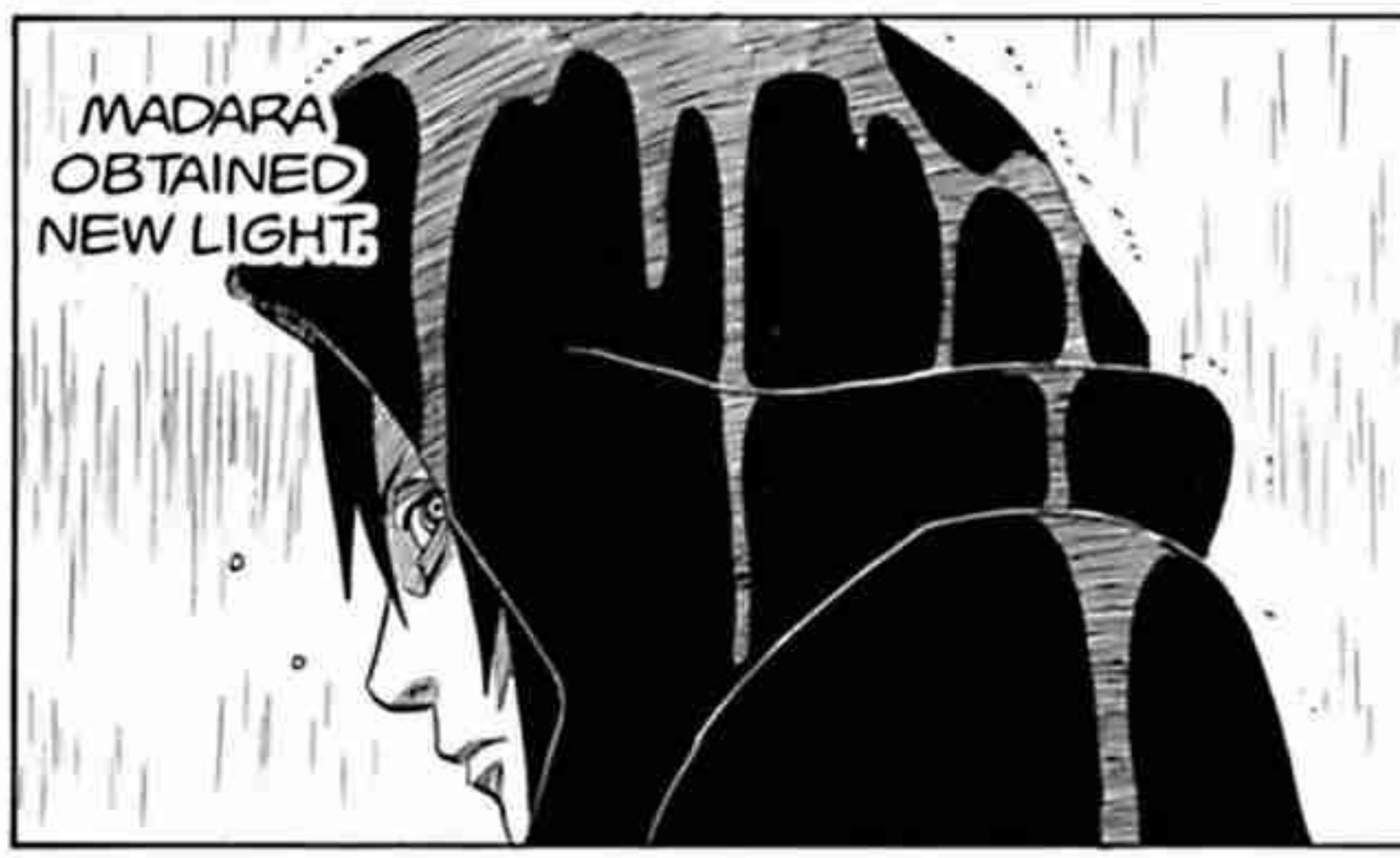
IN EXCHANGE FOR OBTAINING INCREDIBLE OCULAR POWERS... THAT POWER SHUTS ITSELF DOWN, CUTTING OFF THE LIGHT FOREVER.
THAT IS THE FATE OF THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

FORGIVE ME...


AND HAUNTED BY THE MANGEKYO, MADARA, SEEKING LIGHT...
HE DESPAIRED.

AAAA-A-R GH!
...STOLE HIS OWN BROTHER'S EYES!

AND... IT NEVER FADED AGAIN.


MADARA OBTAINED NEW LIGHT.

PP BY GAINING A NEW HOST, THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S EYES OBTAINED ETERNAL LIGHT...

PP ETERNAL MANGEKYO SHARINGAN!

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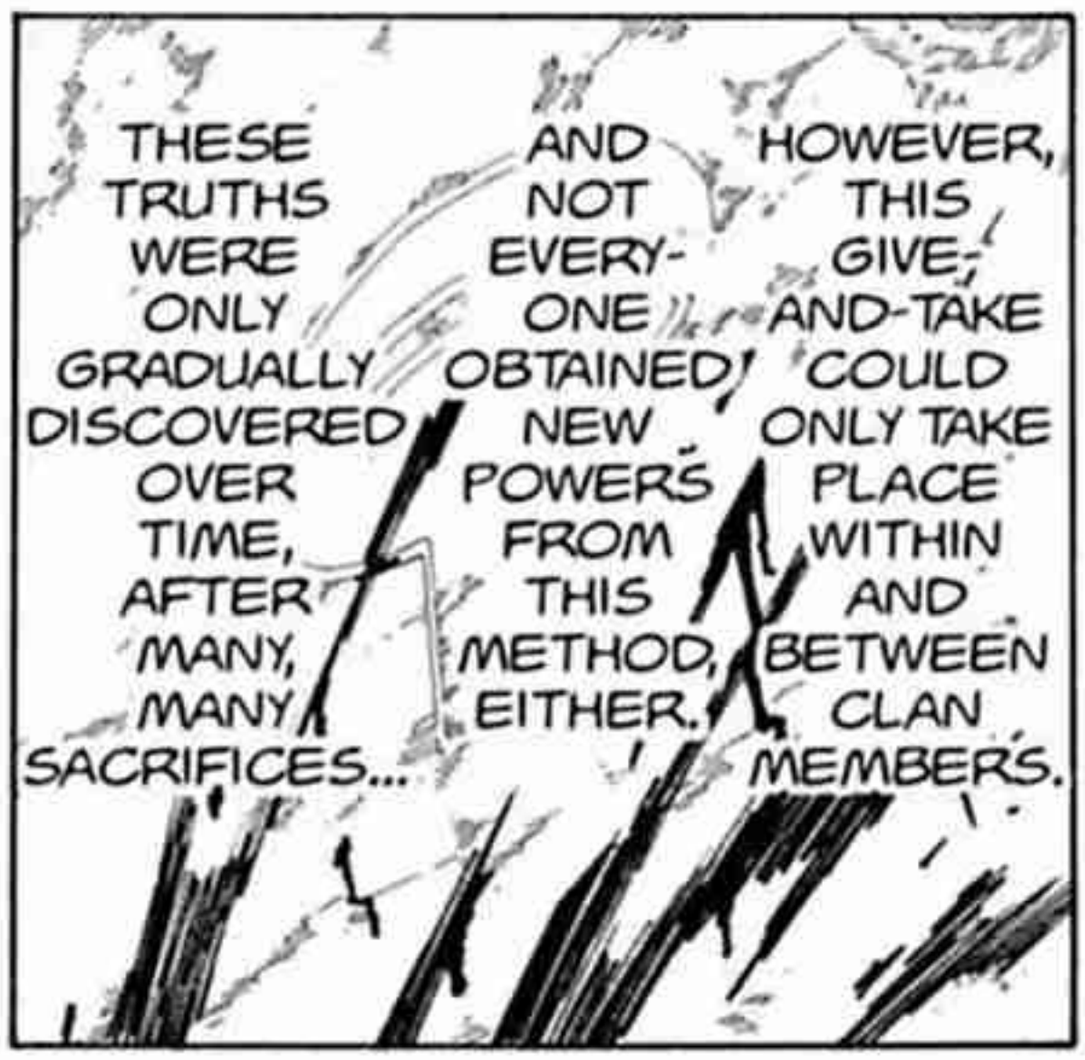
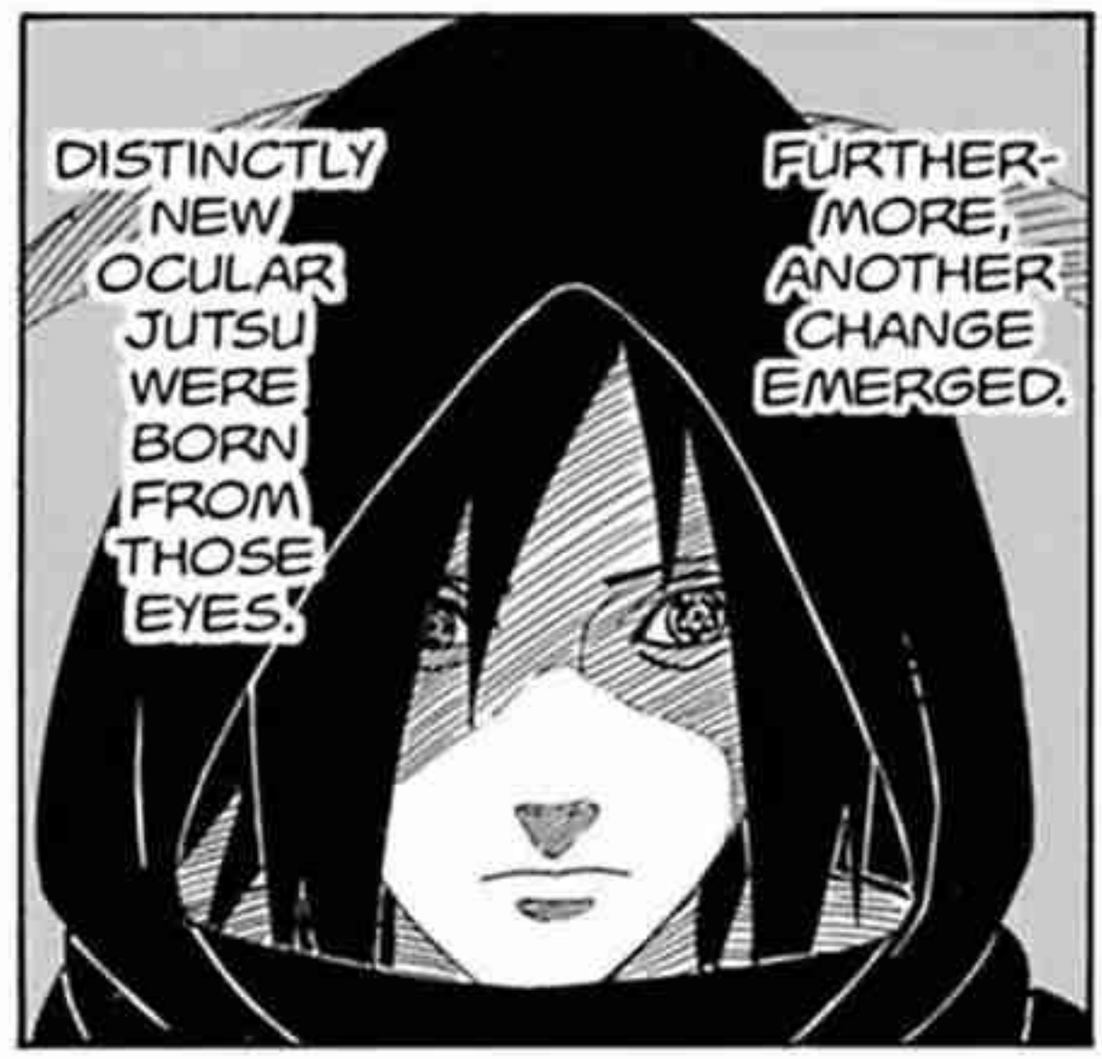
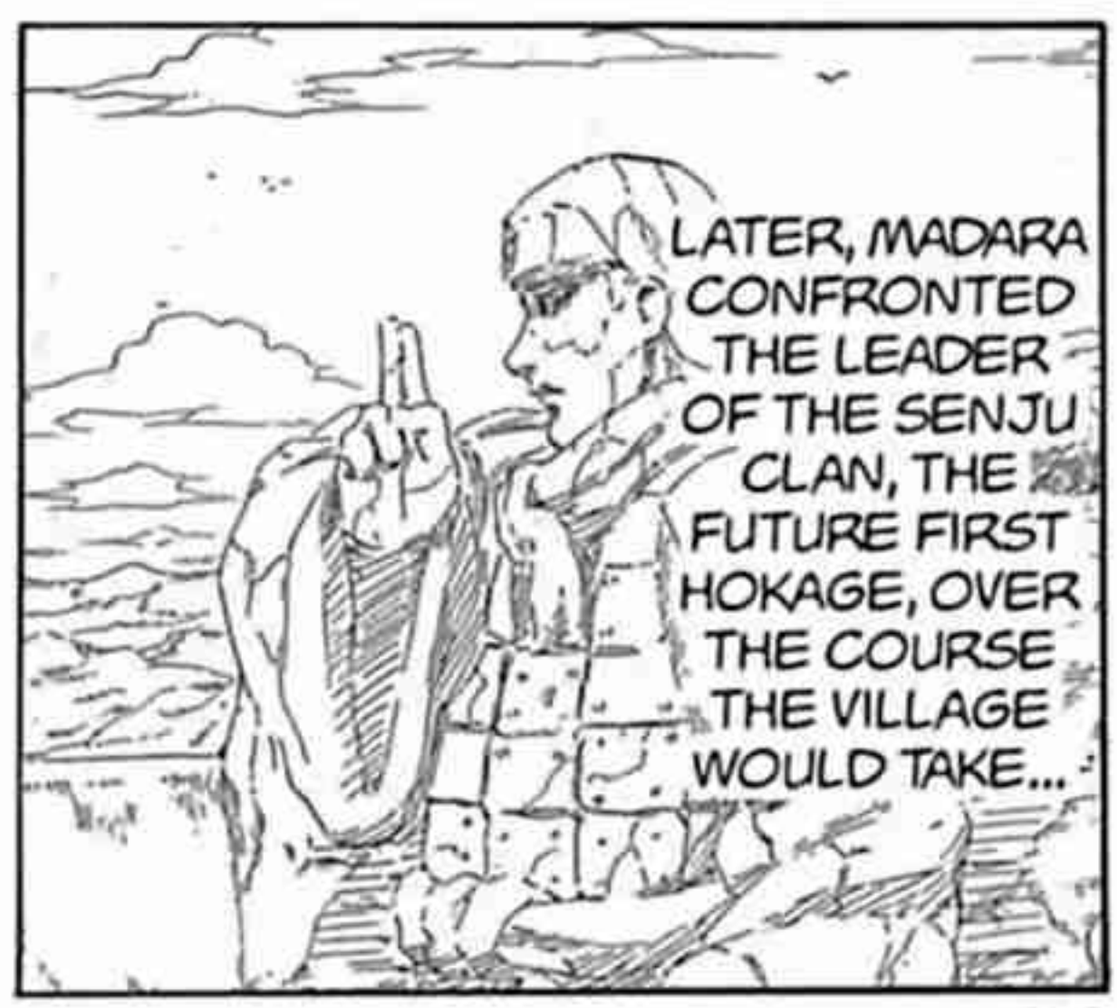




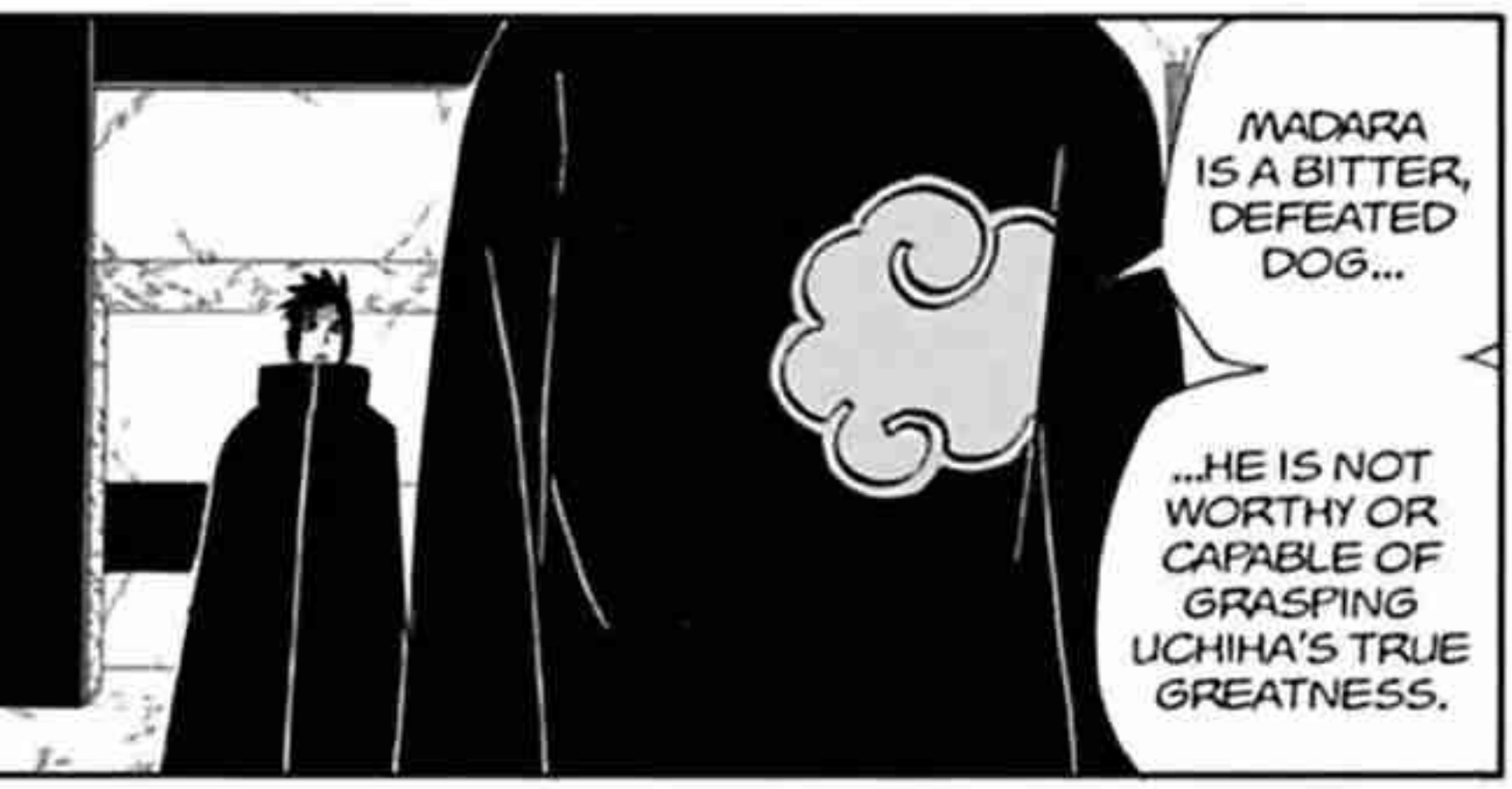
AND HE ULTIMATELY ALLIED WITH THE SENJU CLAN OF THE FOREST, TOUTED AS THE MOST POWERFUL, AND ESTABLISHED A NEW ORGANIZATION.

MADARA USED HIS POWER TO UNITE ONE SHINOBI CLAN AFTER ANOTHER.



BUT THAT TOO, THE FOURTH HOKAGE STOPPED. IN SHORT...
SIXTEEN YEARS AGO... WHEN NINE TAILS ASSAULTED KONOHA, THAT WAS MADARA'S DOING, OF COURSE.

HE HAS BEEN HIDING HIMSELF AMONG THE SHADOWS AND CREATING A NEW ORGANIZATION, THE AKATSUKI.


MADARA IS A BITTER, DEFEATED DOG...
...HE IS NOT WORTHY OR CAPABLE OF GRASPING UCHIHA'S TRUE GREATNESS.

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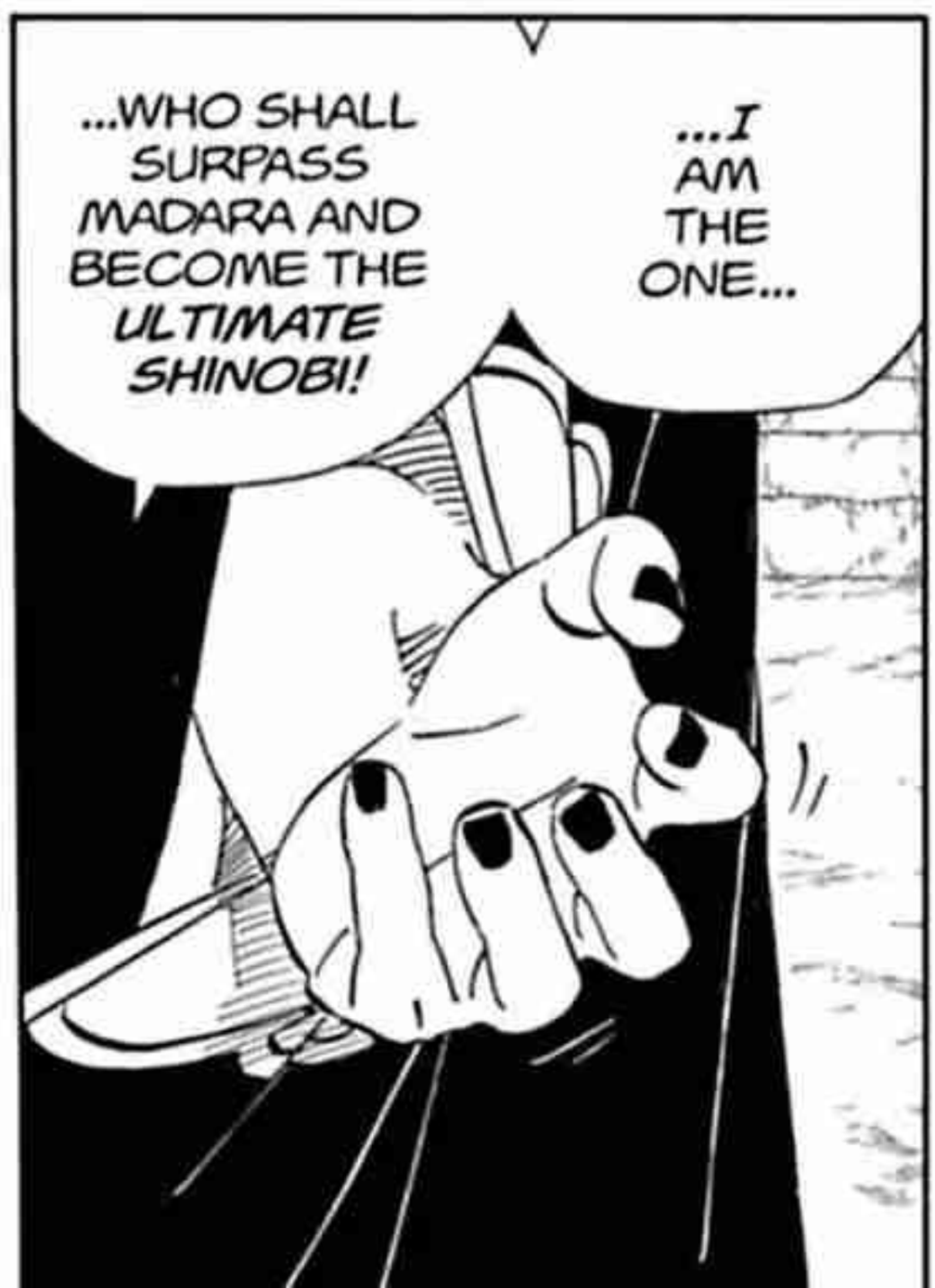
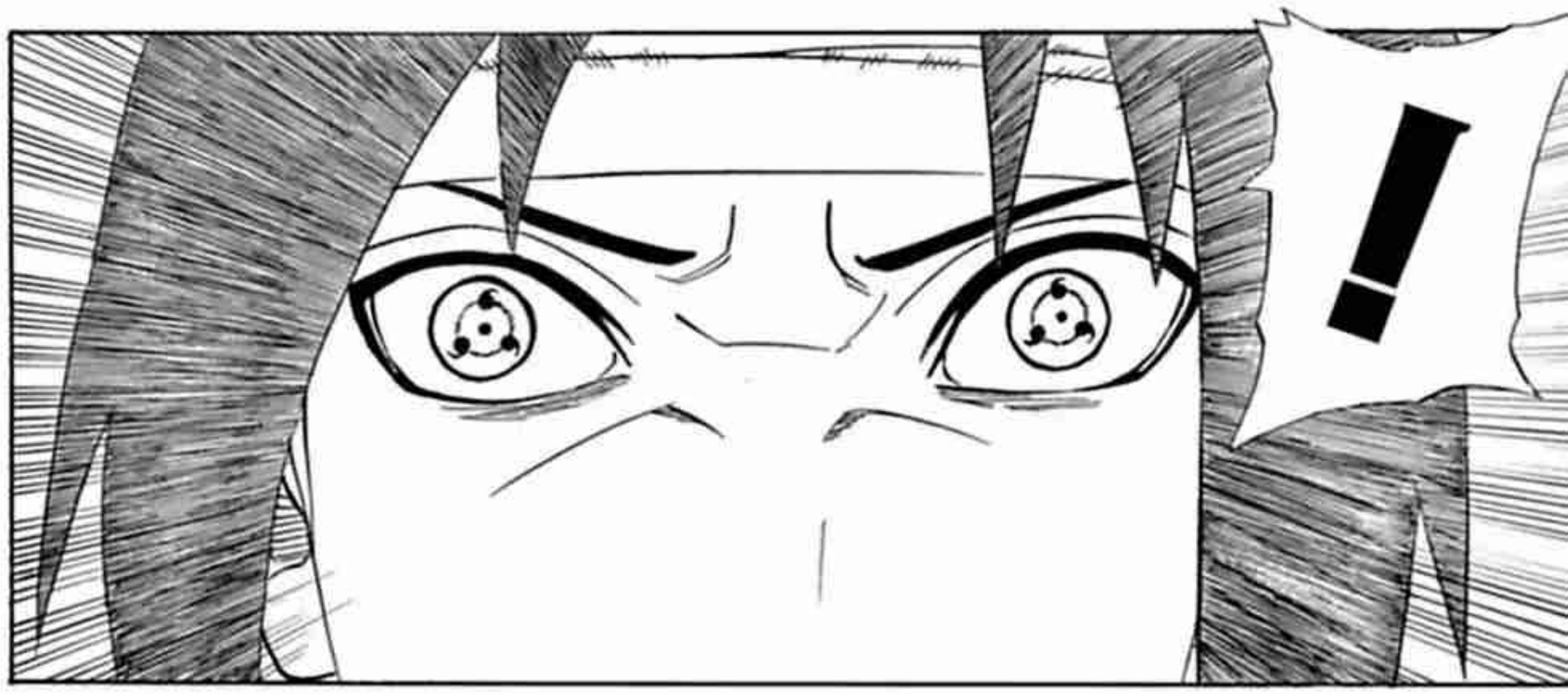
AND NOW...
...I CAN FINALLY OBTAIN POWER THAT EXCEEDS MADARA'S!


...WHO SHALL SURPASS MADARA AND BECOME THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI!
...I AM THE ONE...

SASUKE!!

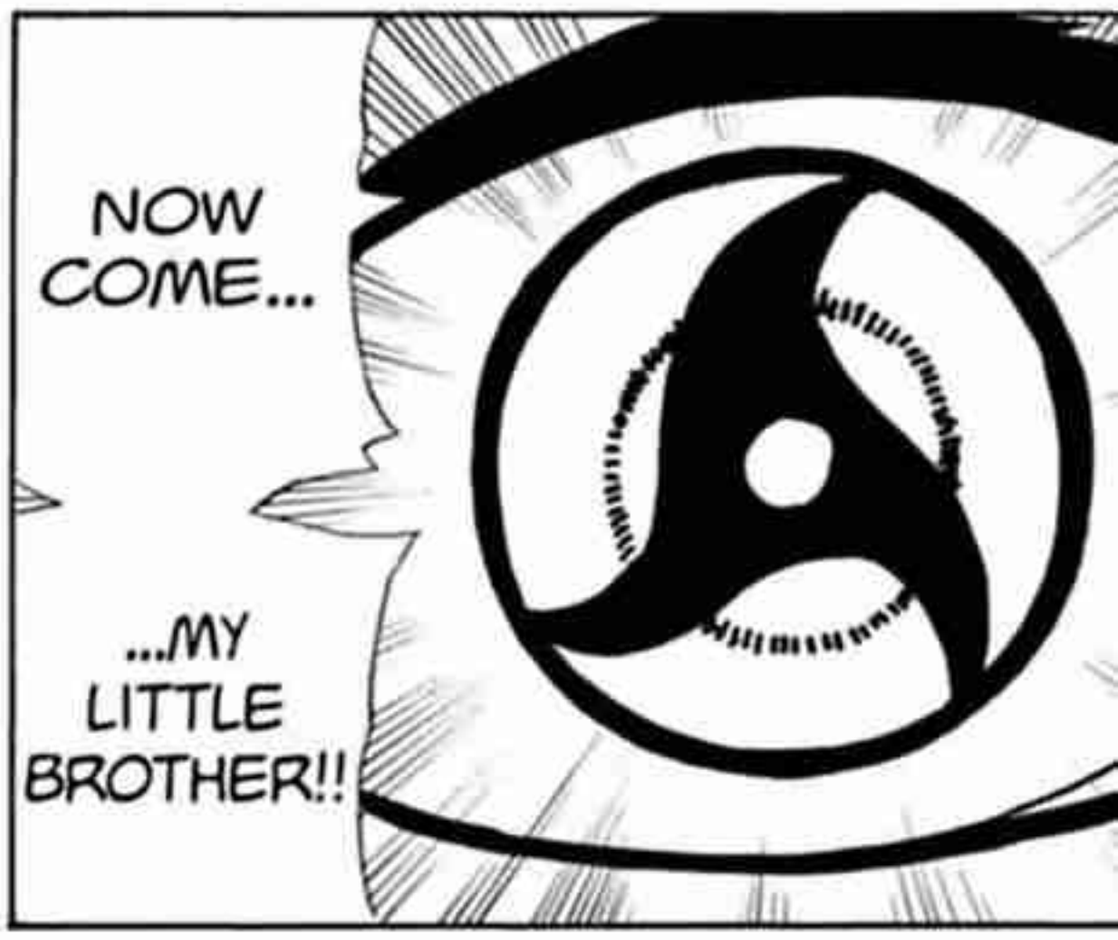
YOU ARE MY NEW LIGHT!



HOOOOO
RRRRAAAA
YOU HAVE MY SPARE EYES!!
!
...AND KILLING A BLOOD RELATIVE TO OBTAIN ETERNAL OCULAR POWERS...
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IT TOOK KILLING A FRIEND FOR THE UCHIHA CLAN TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN...

AND FROM THE TIME YOU WERE BORN INTO OUR CLAN...
...YOU TOO WERE ENTWINED IN ITS BLOOD-SOAKED DESTINY!!

WE ARE OF A DEFILED BLOOD-LINE THAT HAS FLAUNTED ITS STRENGTH IN SUCH A MANNER THROUGH-OUT THE AGES!!

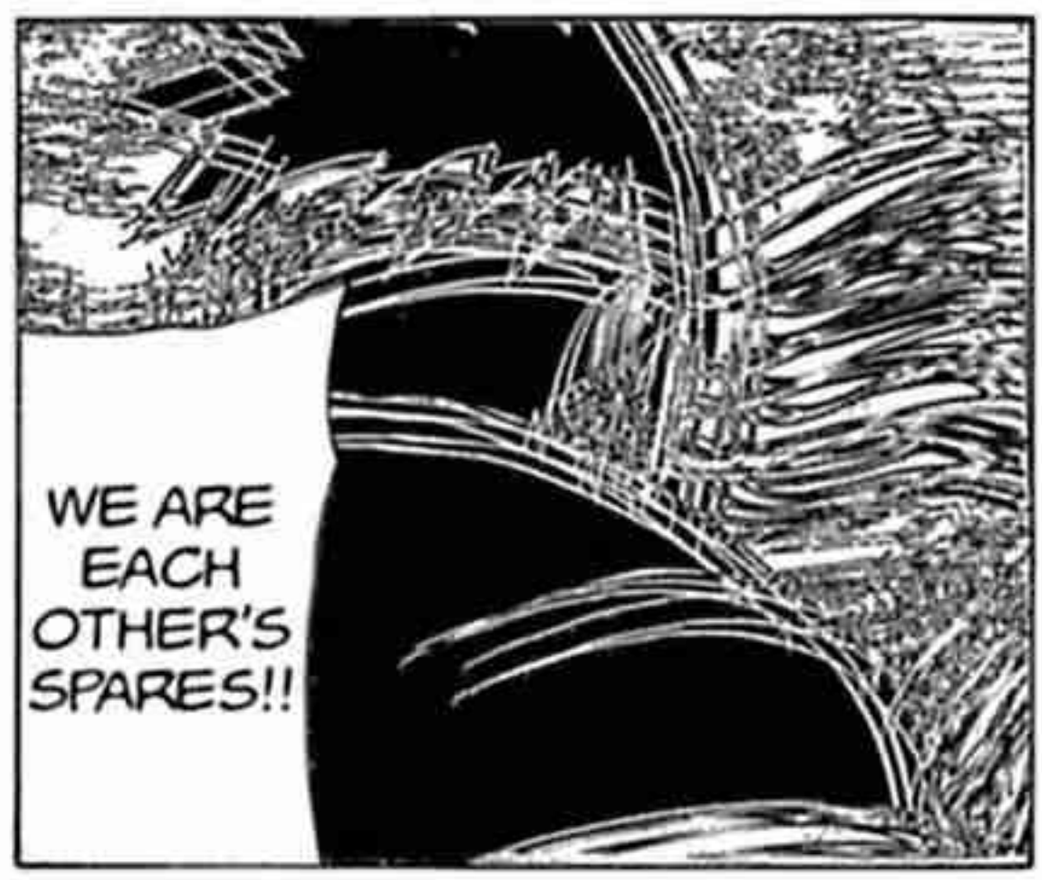

NOW COME...
...MY LITTLE BROTHER!!

I SHALL KILL YOU TO OBTAIN TRUE TRANS-FORMATION AND FINALLY BE FREED FROM OUR CLAN'S FATE!

I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE LIKE A WALL YOU NEED TO CLIMB OVER.
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

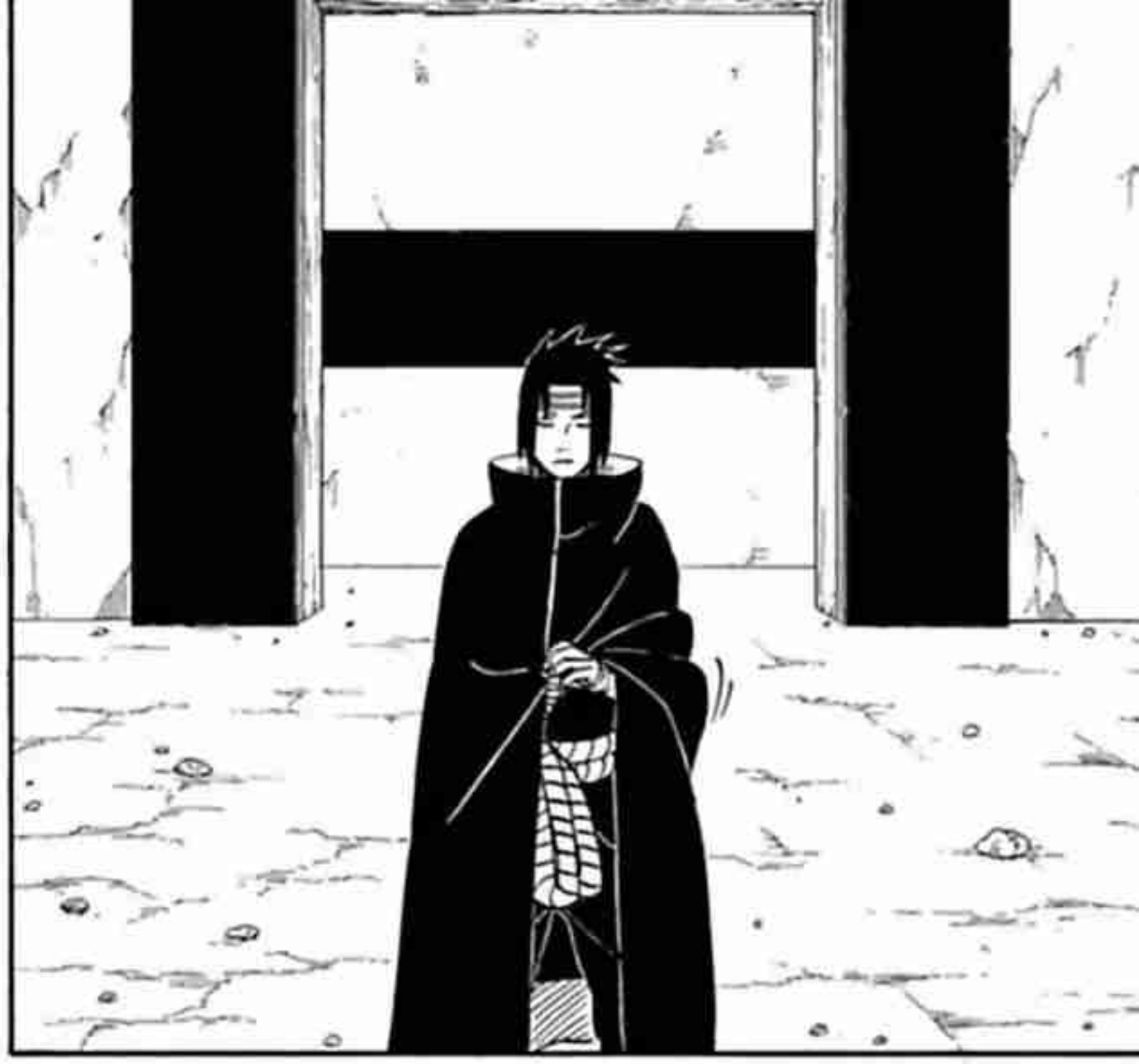
BREAK LOOSE OF ALL RESTRICTIONS AND FREE MYSELF FROM MY OWN CAPACITY!

...SO I'LL LET YOU LIVE... FOR MY SAKE.
YOU'VE ALWAYS HOPED TO SURPASS ME...


WE ARE EACH OTHER'S SPARES!!

THIS IS THE TRUE BOND BETWEEN THE BROTHERS OF THE UCHIHA!!

VRNNCH



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SO IT WAS ALL FOR THIS, EH...

IT SEEMS ...
...YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE MY INTERNAL SELF.

...BUT WHAT I DO HAVE IS DETERMI-NATION. I PLAN TO RESTORE MY CLAN. AND THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE SWORN...

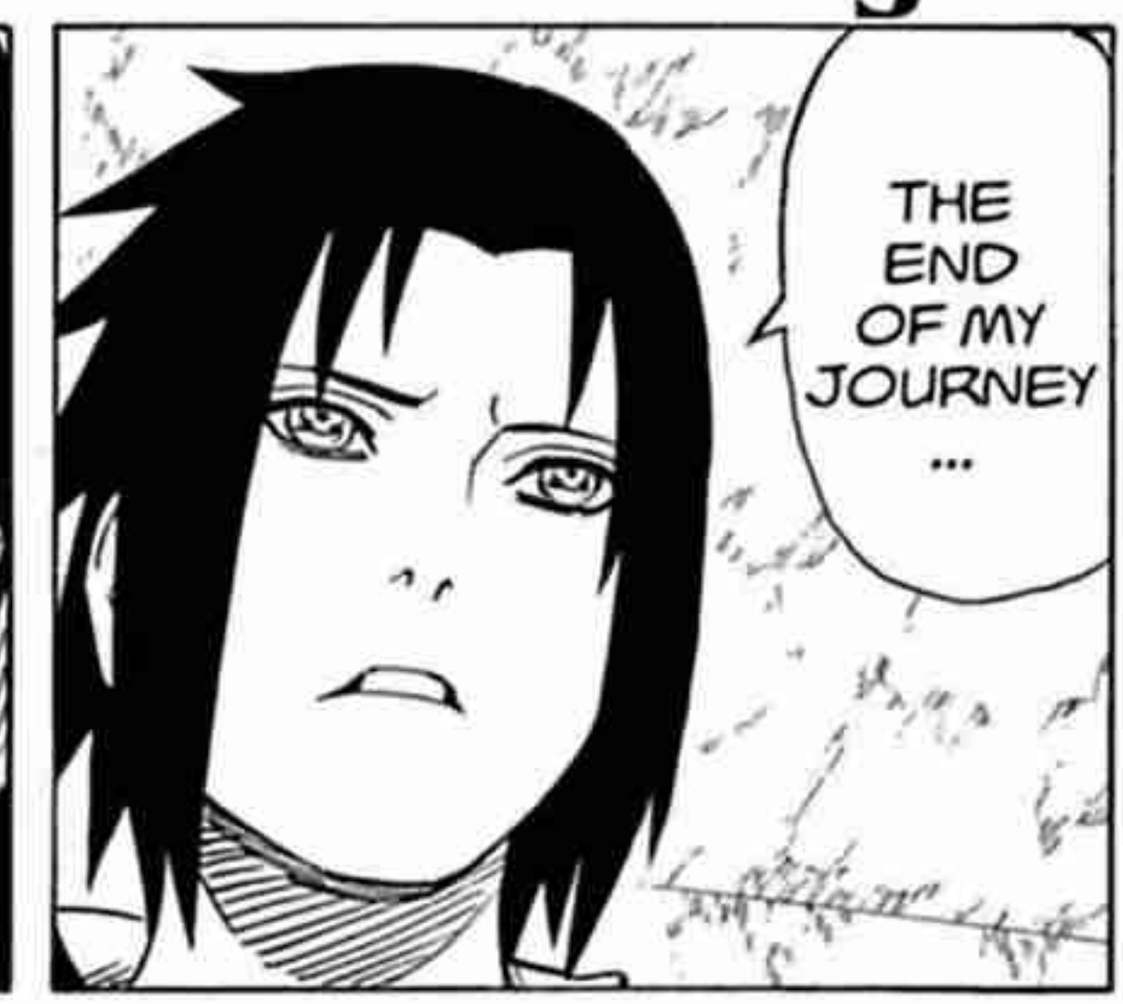
IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO TALK ABOUT "DREAMS" ...THAT'S JUST A WORD...
MY NAME IS UCHIHA SASUKE. THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS I HATE, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IT MATTERS, CONSIDERING THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING I DO LIKE.

...TO KILL.

...ARRIVED.
I'VE FINALLY ...

NARUTO

Number 387: Reality...!!



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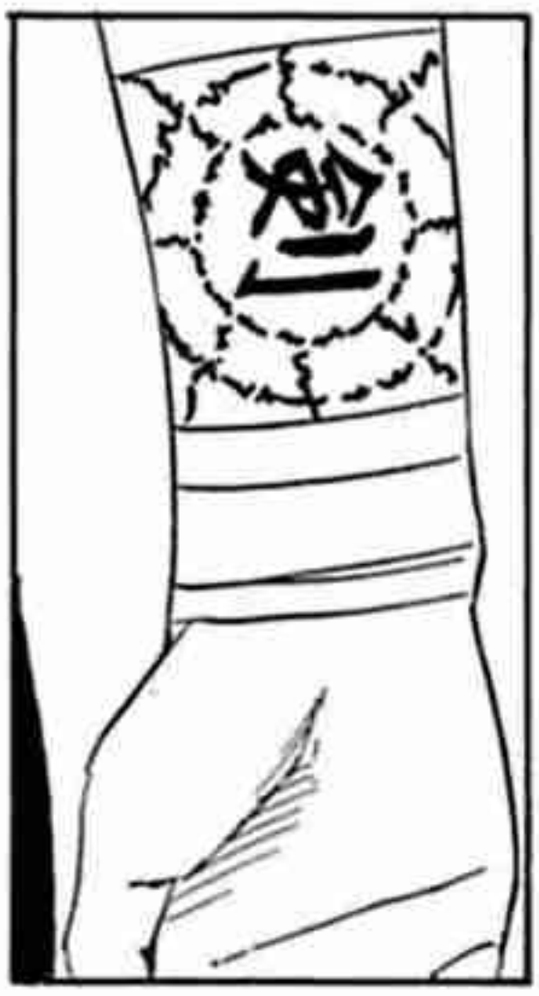
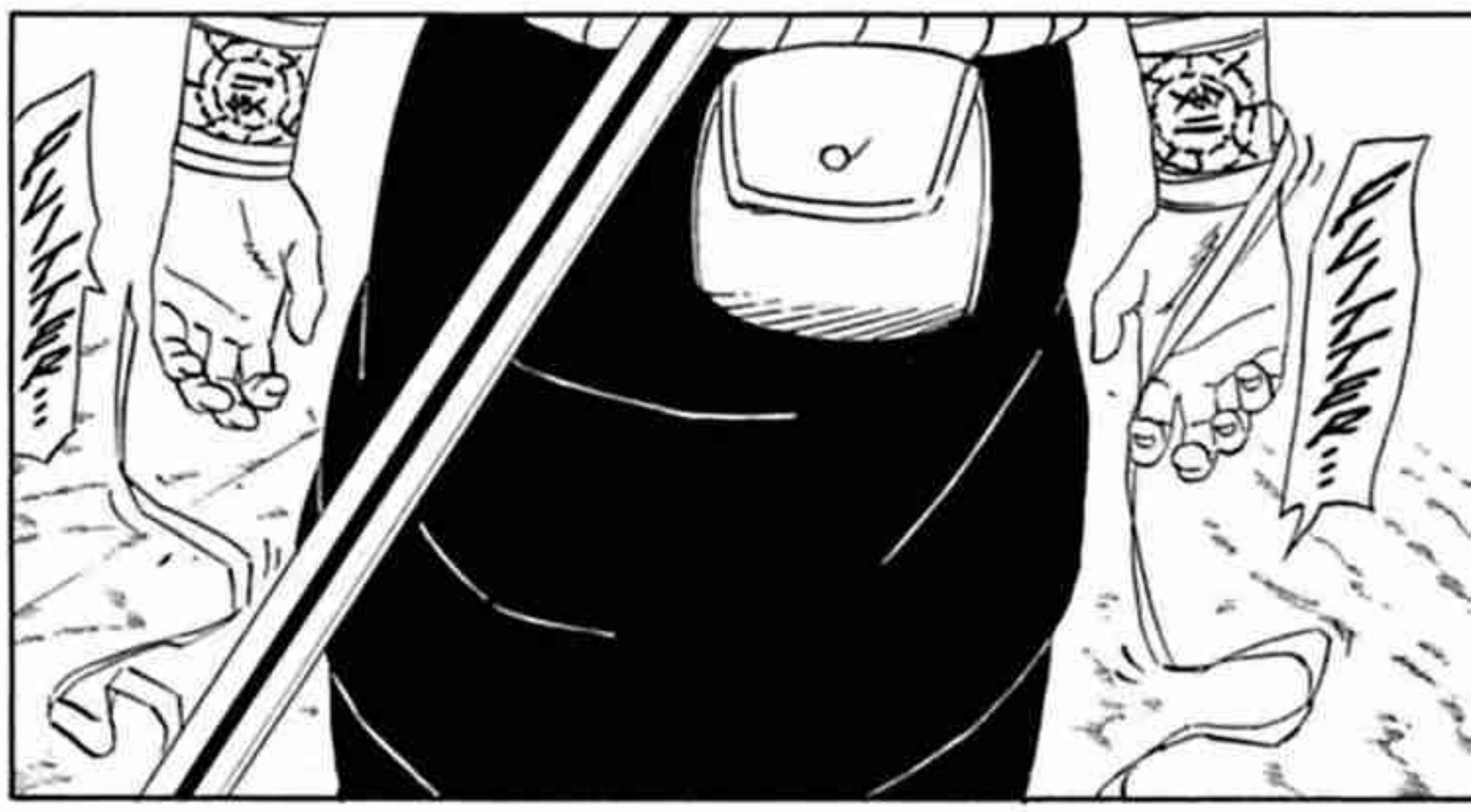
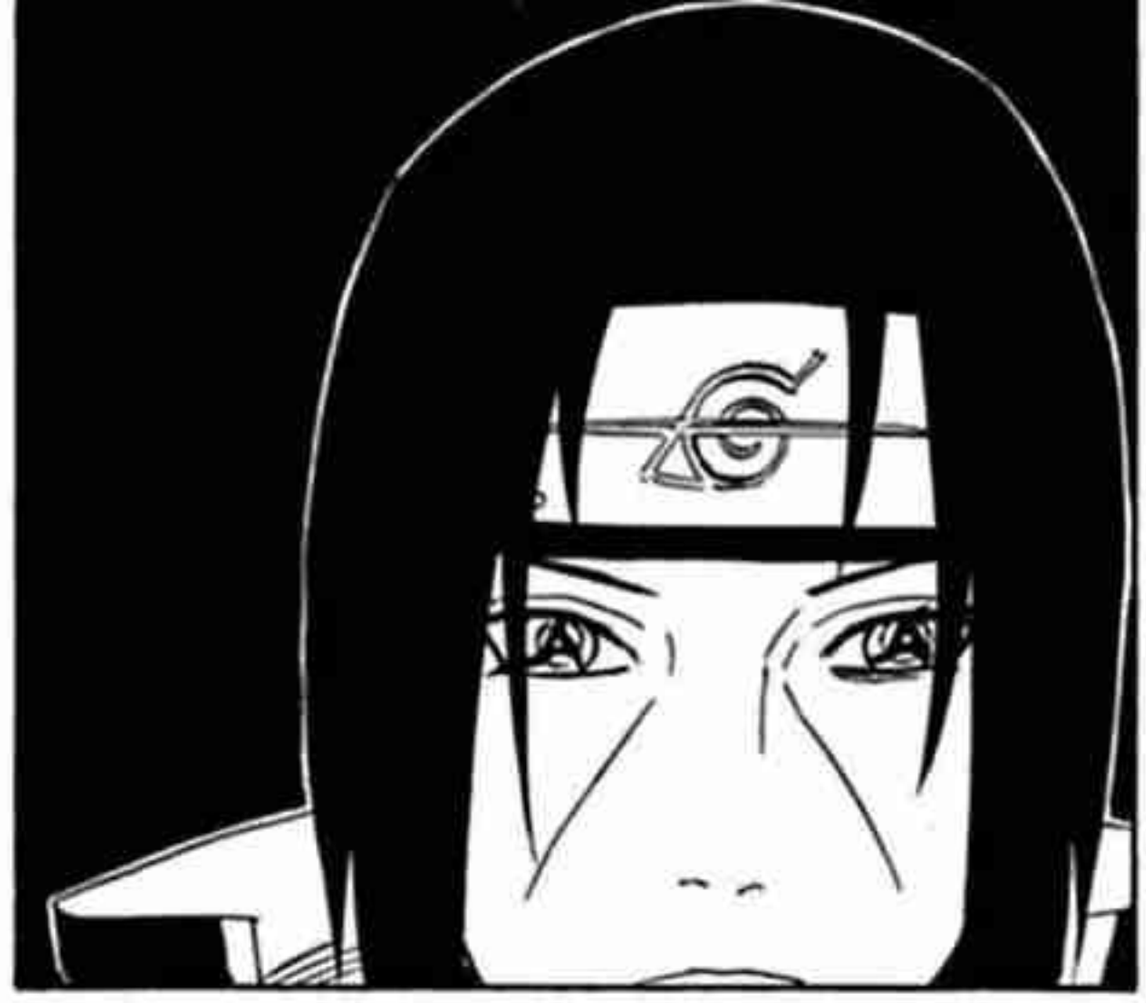


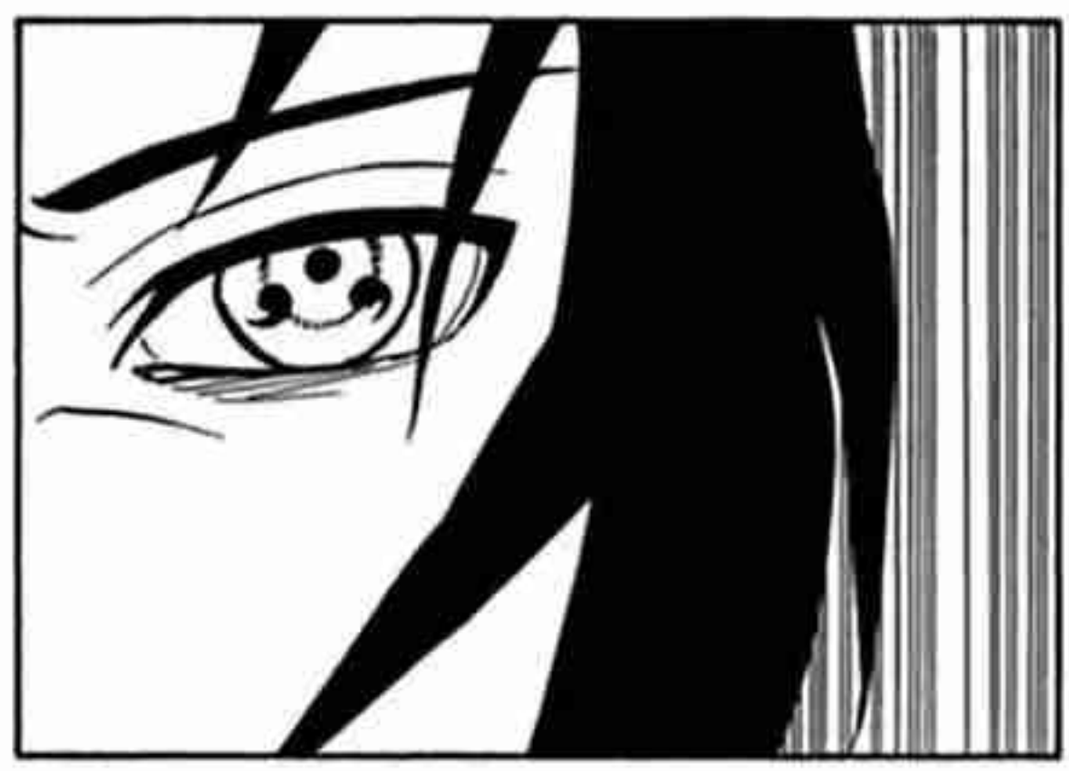


...I'LL USE MY HATRED...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE THOSE EYES OF YOURS...

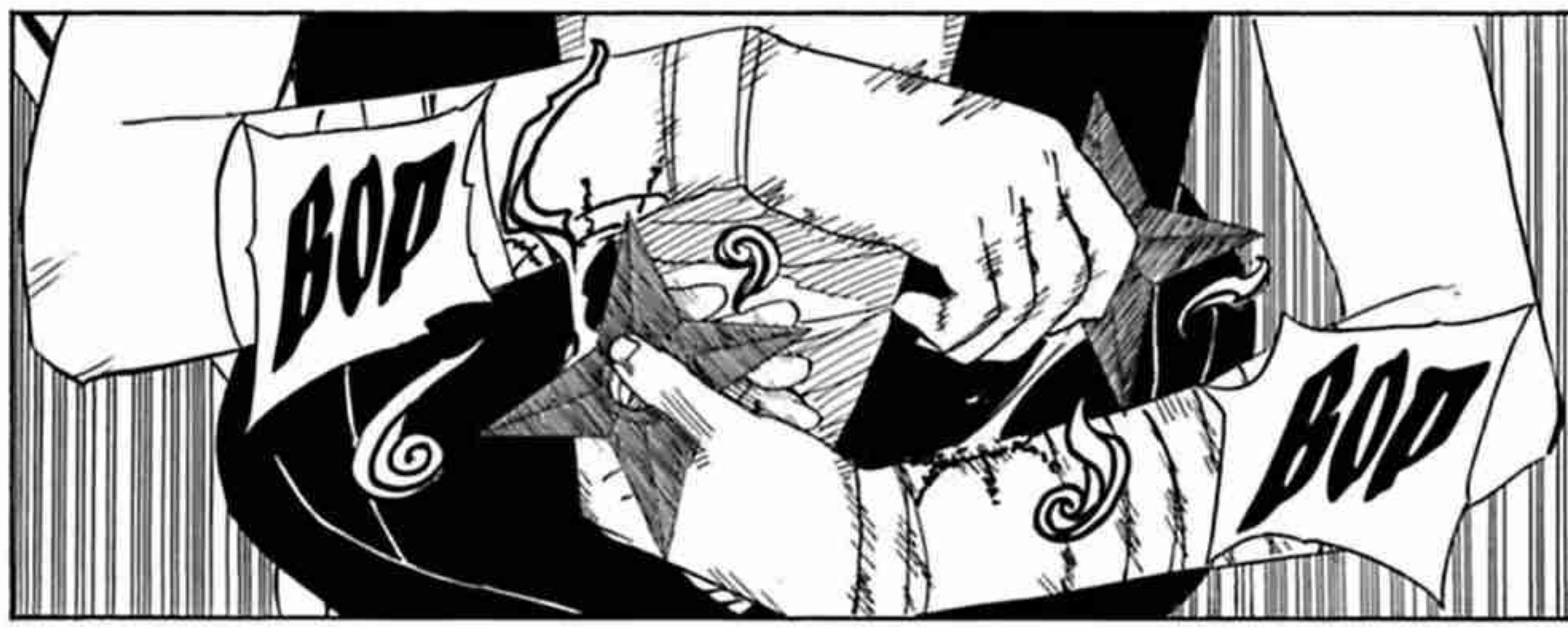
...TO TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY!

AND YOUR REALITY...
PLIP
...IS DEATH.





FSH
TUP
TUP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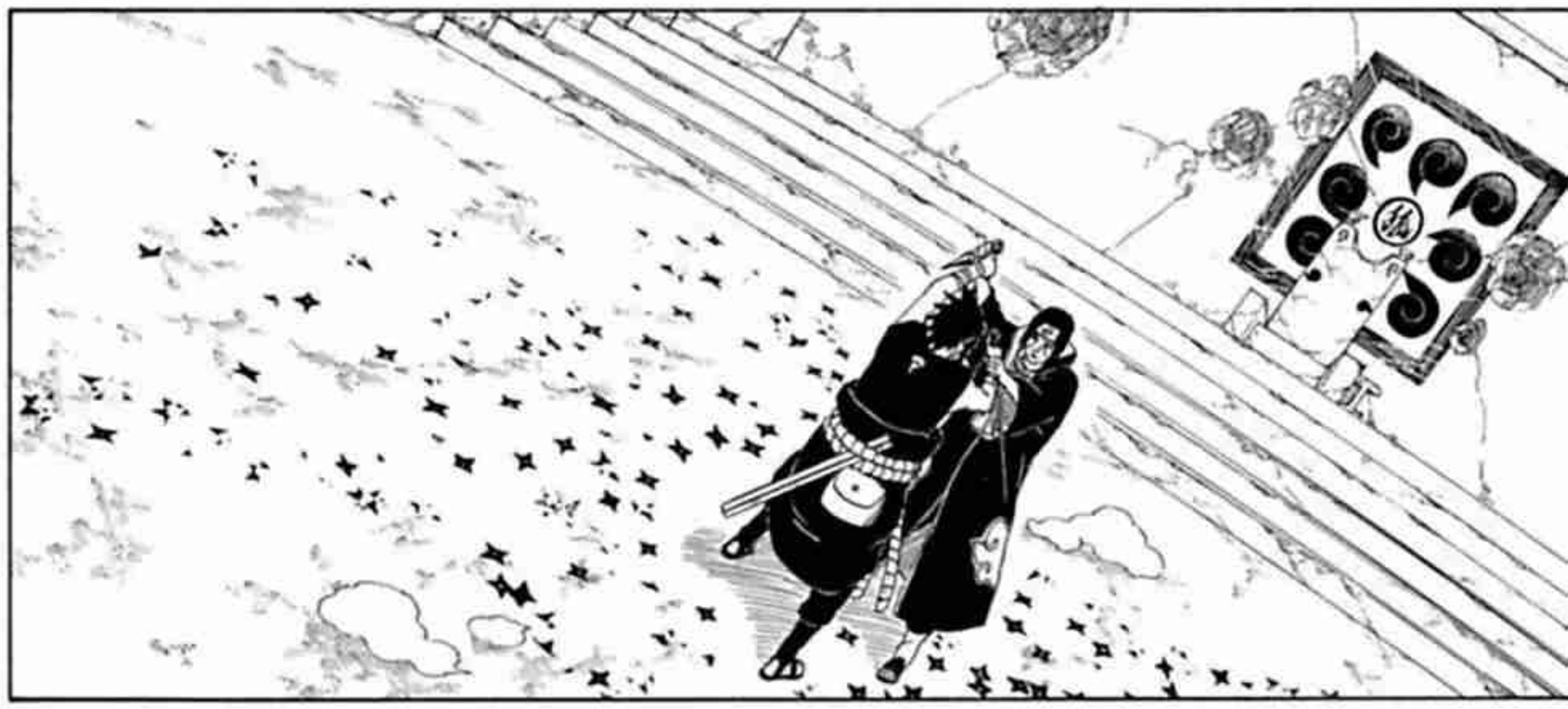

WHOSH
SHISH
!!
HE WAS ABLE TO WEAVE SIGNS FOR A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER ...!
BLORP
ZWOO

LA
SH
FLASH
THOK THOK
THOK
FARRL
!
THP

KILL

ZZZ

FLAP-FLAP
YOU RAN THE CHIDORI THROUGH ...!

SHAA
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...!!
UGH!
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FSH

GAH!!

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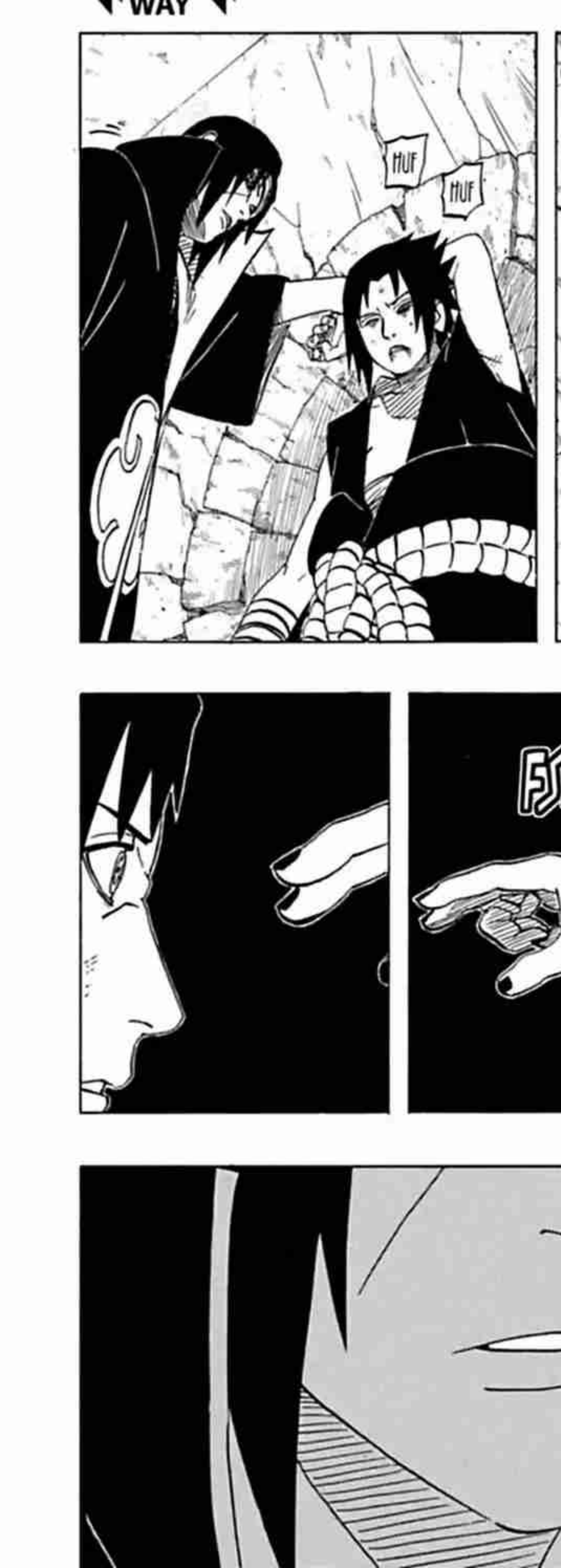
THIS
WAY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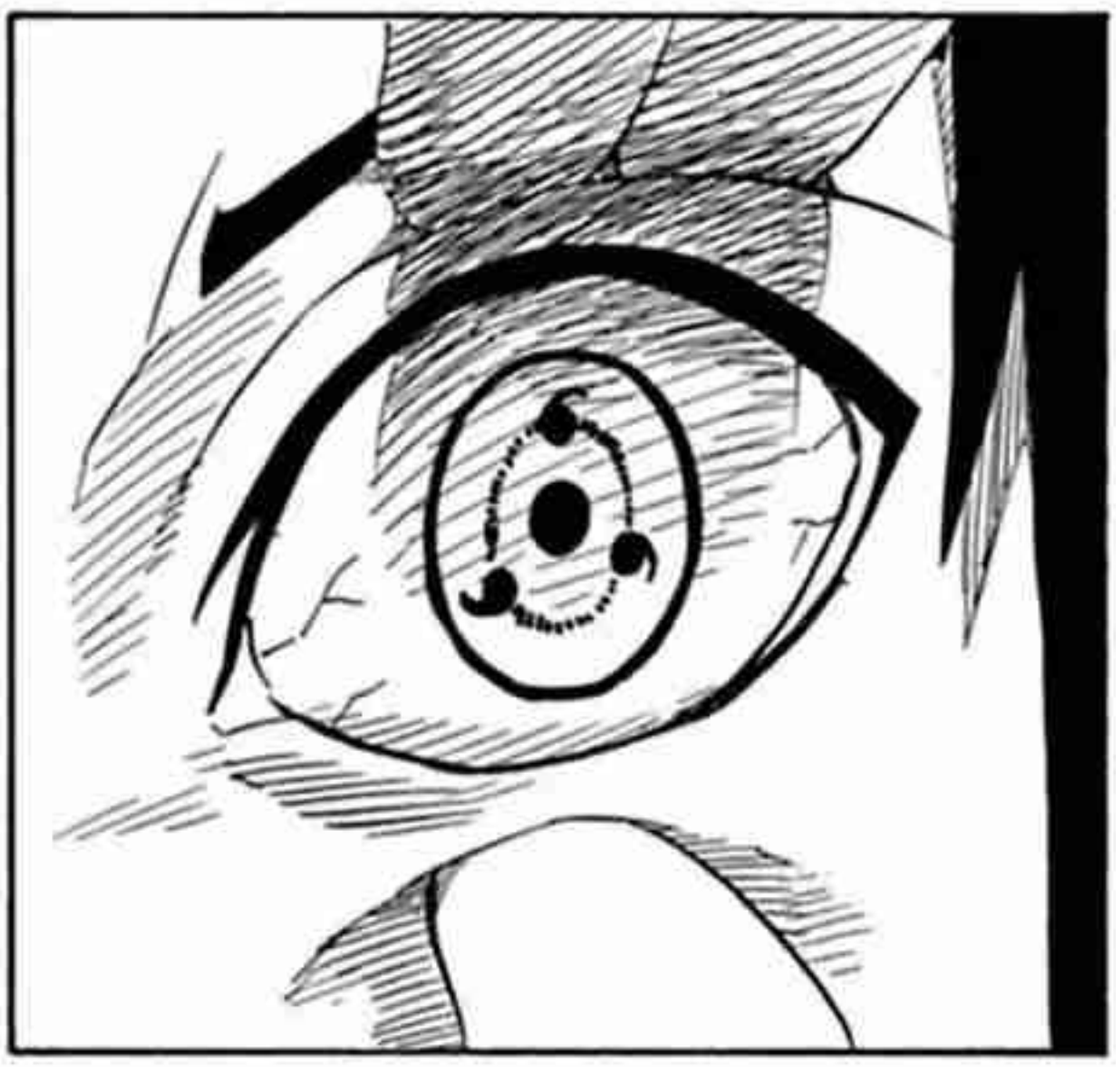
UGH...
HACK.
FSH...
SSH
...FORGIVE
ME,
SASUKE...

GUMP...

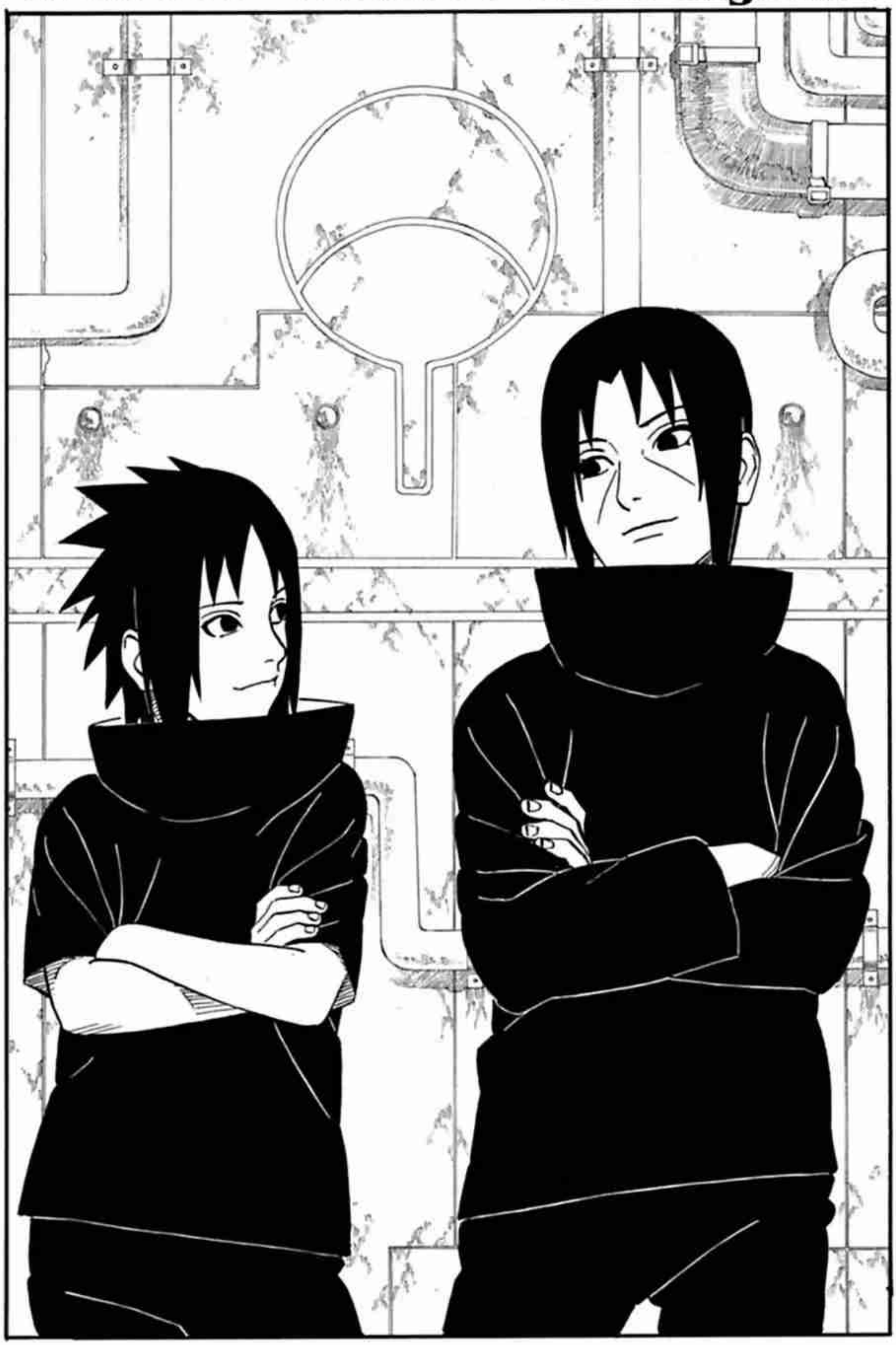
KAGHH!!!



THIS IS MY REALITY...

FSHK
...GIVE ME YOUR LIGHT!

Number 388: Variance of Strength...!!



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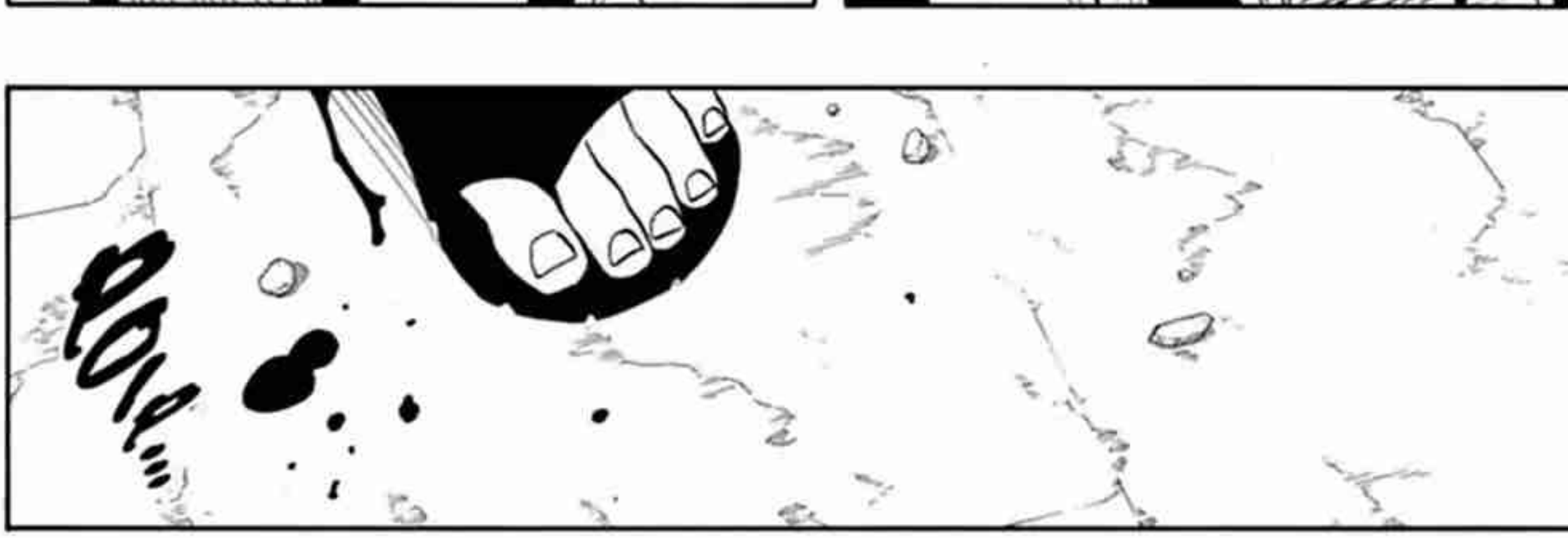

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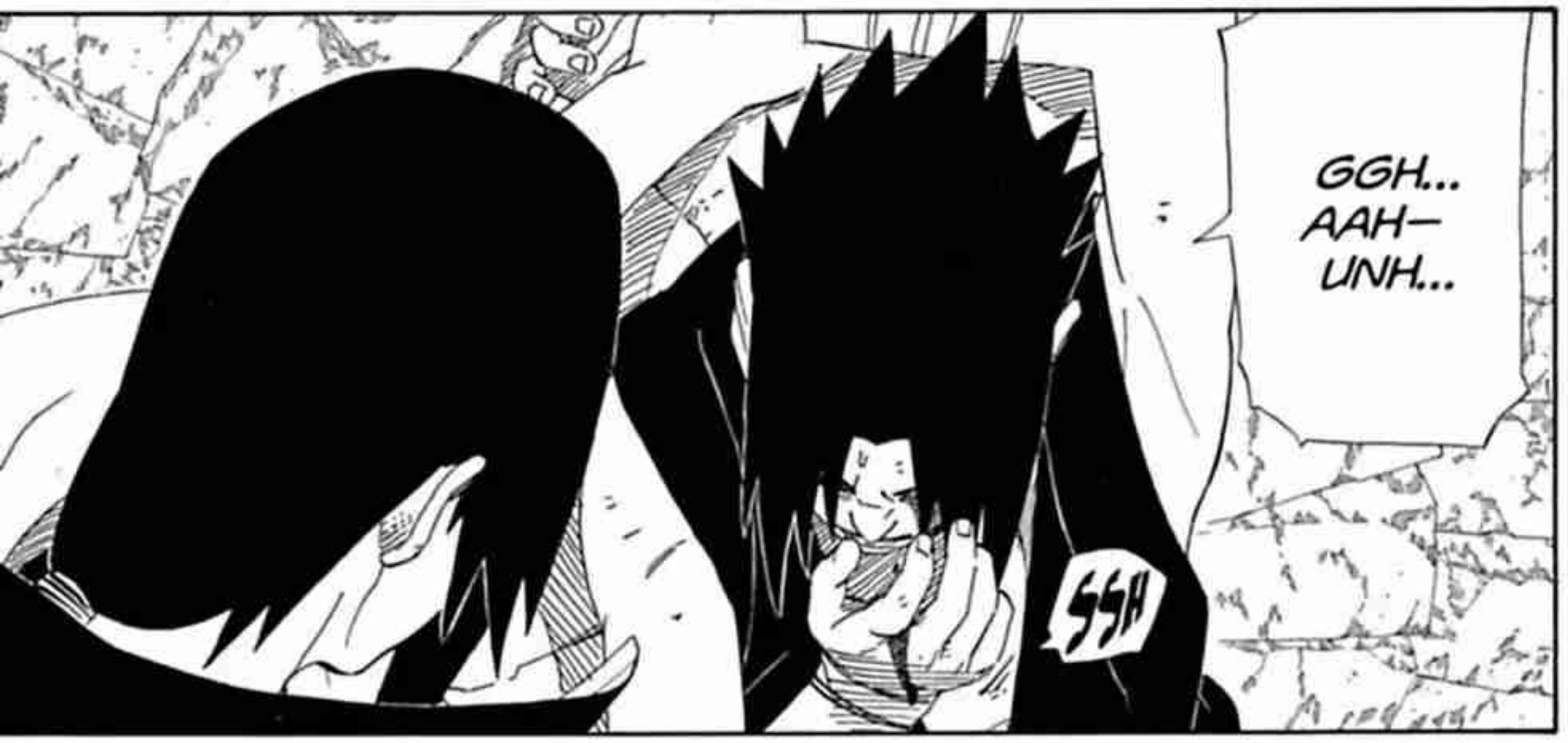
I TOLD YOU.
YOU WON'T WIN. I HAVE THE MANGEKYO AND YOU DO NOT!


GGH... AAH— UNH...
SSH

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NOW FOR THE OTHER ONE.
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SHUNNNNN

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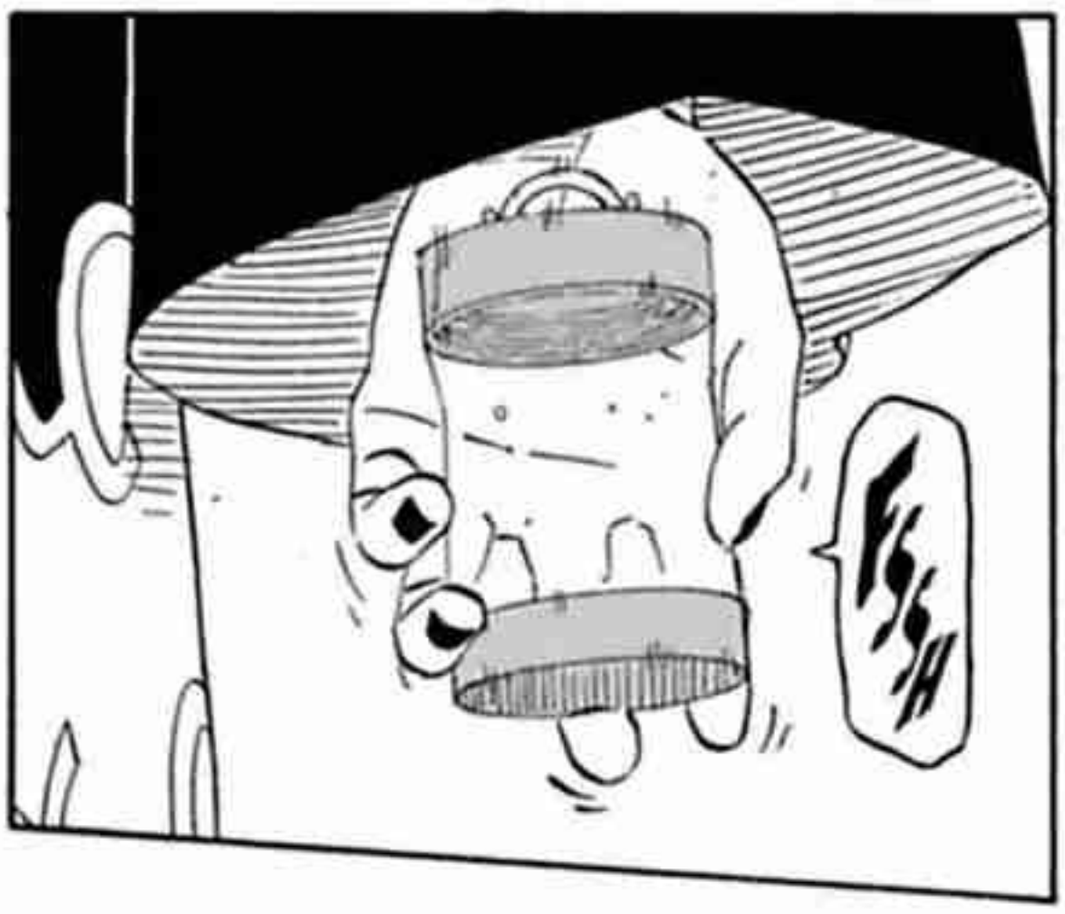
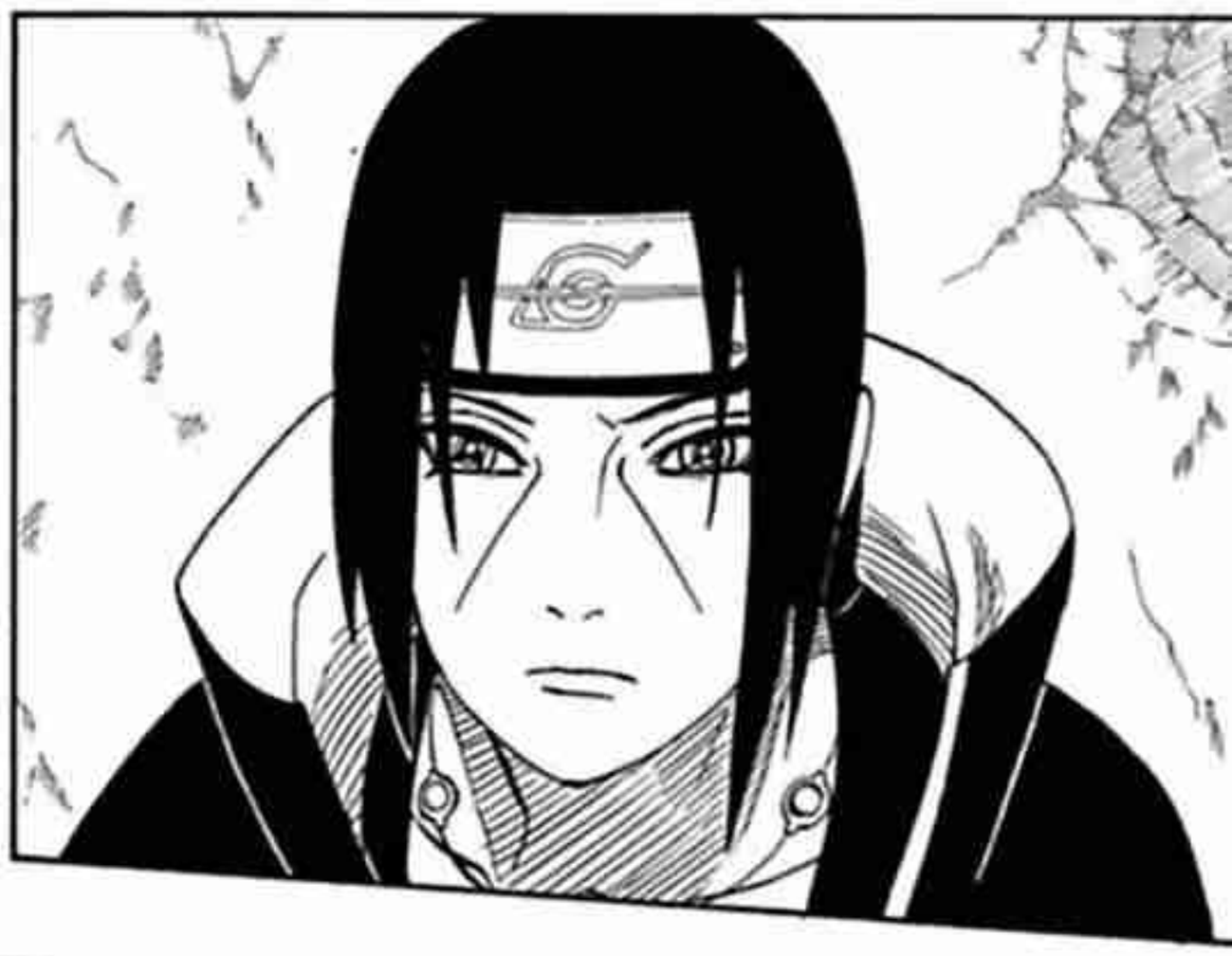
HUF





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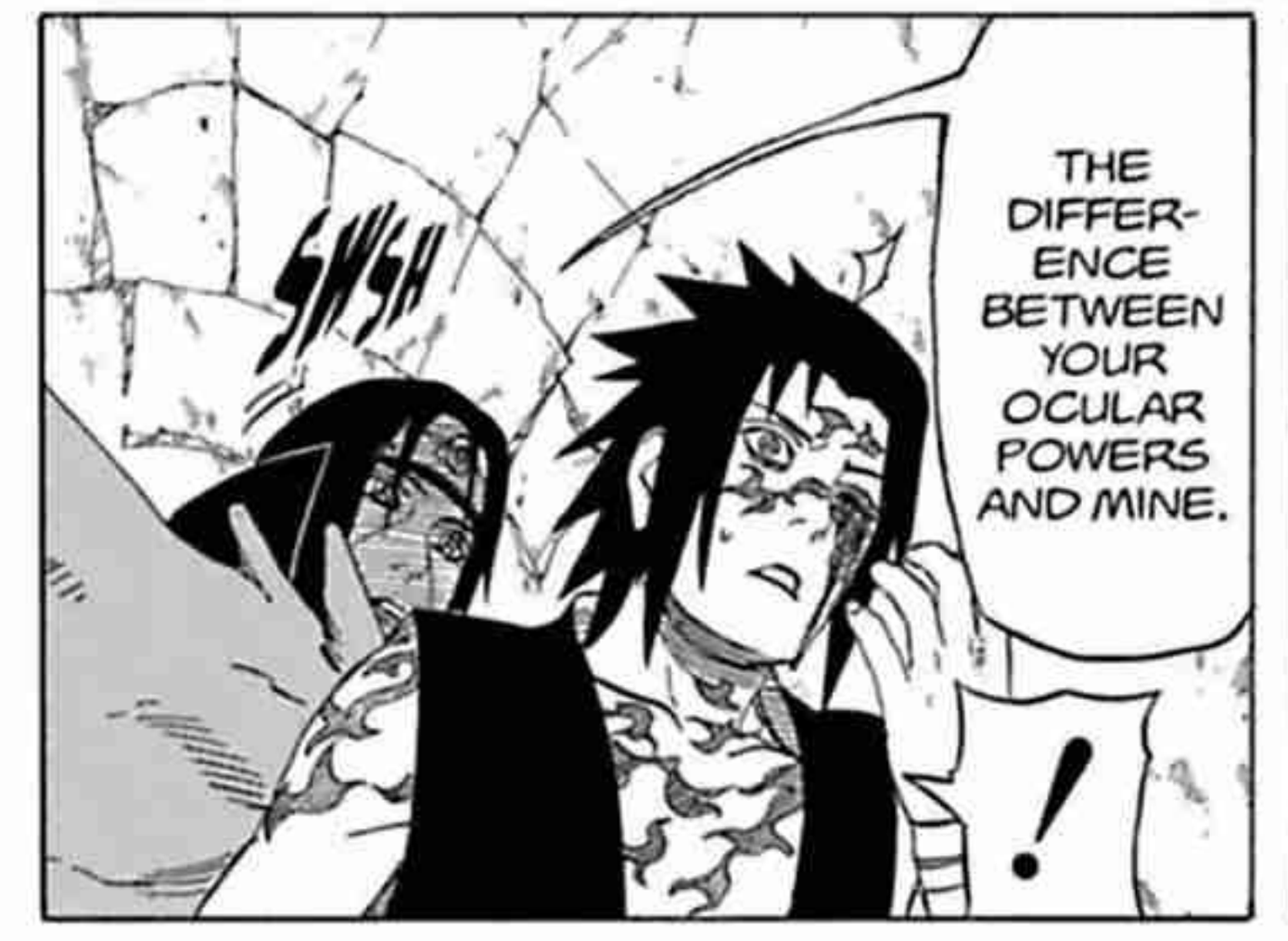
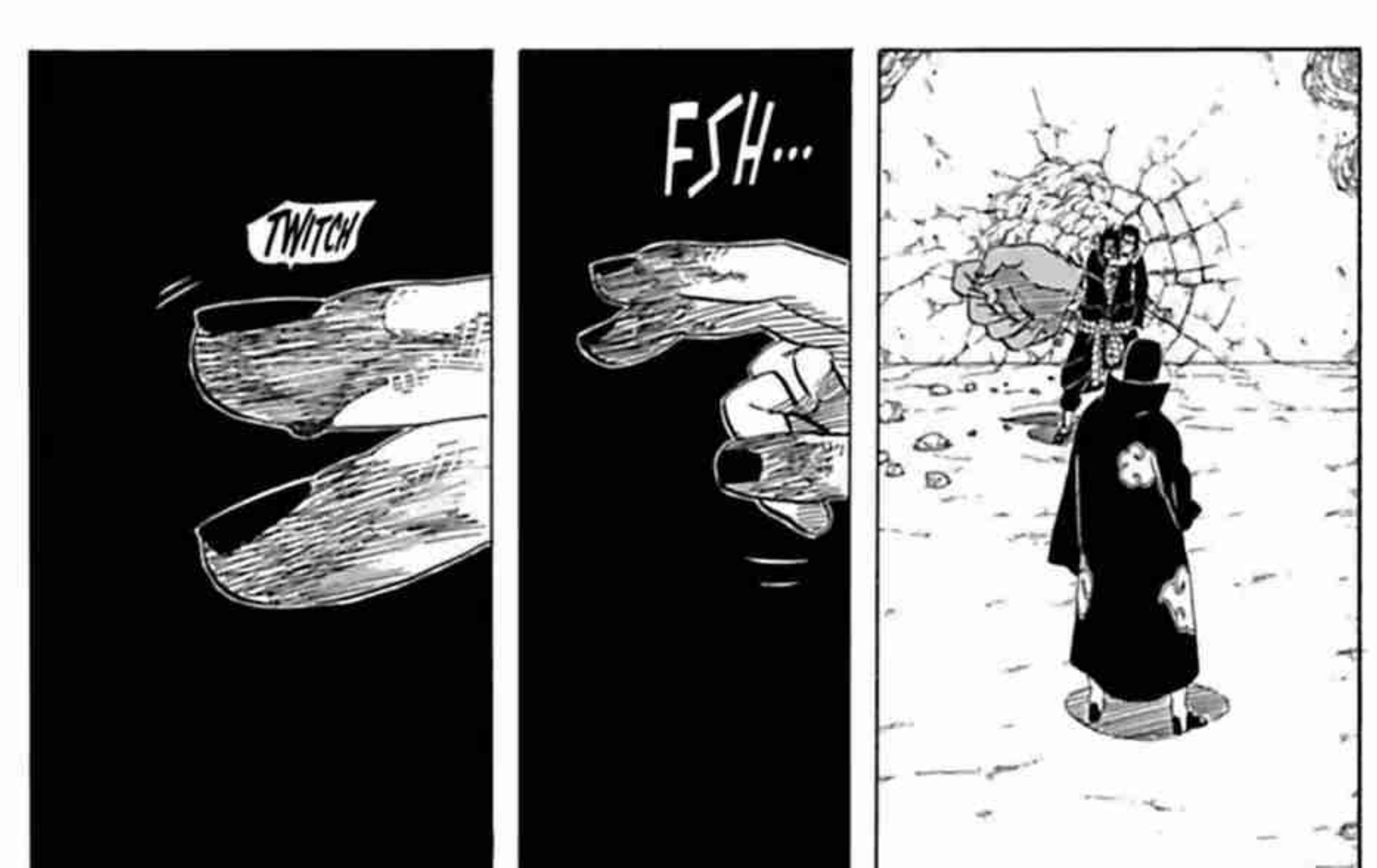

SWSH
THE DIFFER-ENCE BETWEEN YOUR OCULAR POWERS AND MINE.
!

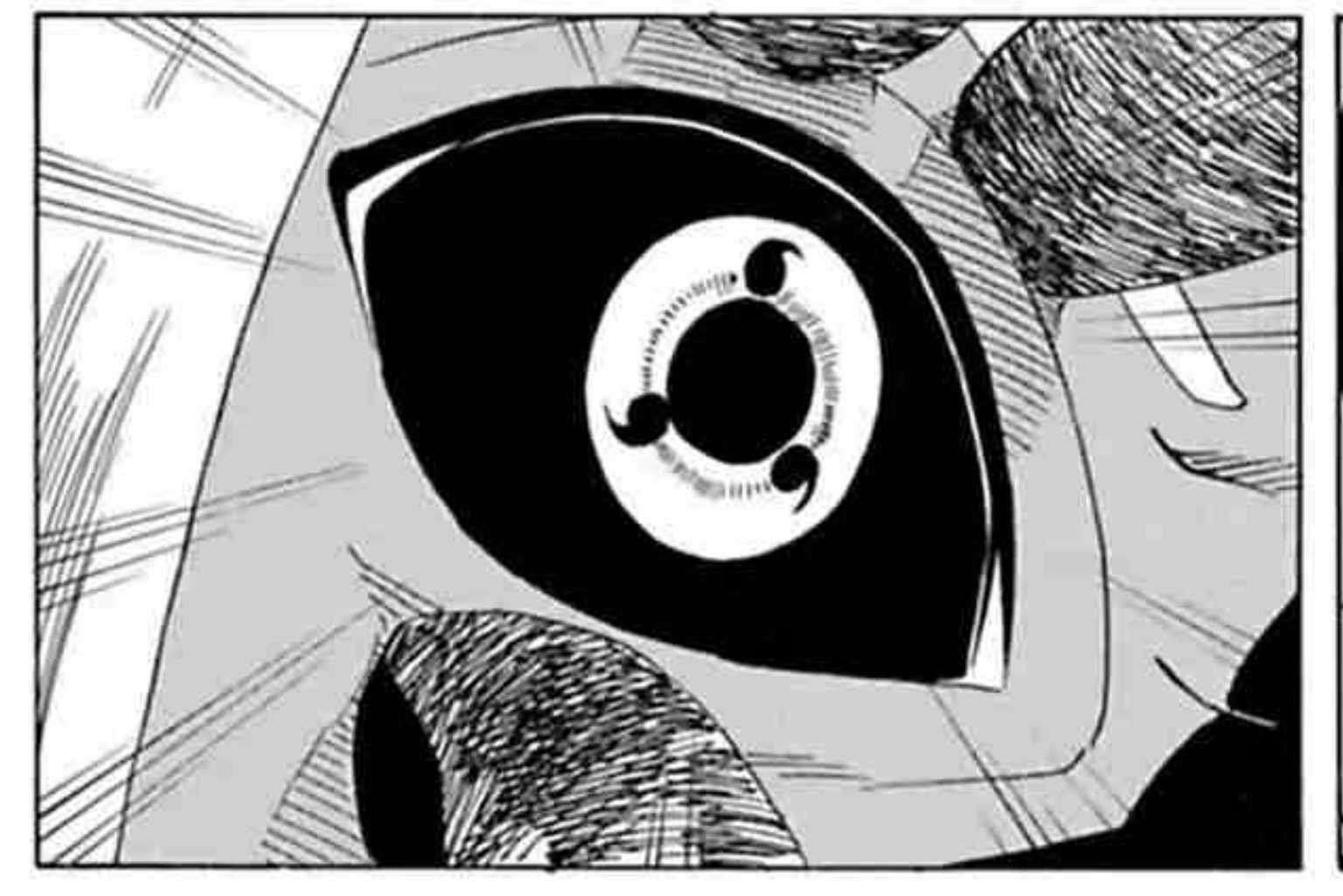
THIS IS THE VARIANCE IN OUR STRENGTHS.
VINEEINCH

UGH!


TWITCH
FSH...

FSH

READ
THIS
WAY



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RRRROARR!!!

ZHOOO

!

SPLISH...

SPLISH
SPLISH
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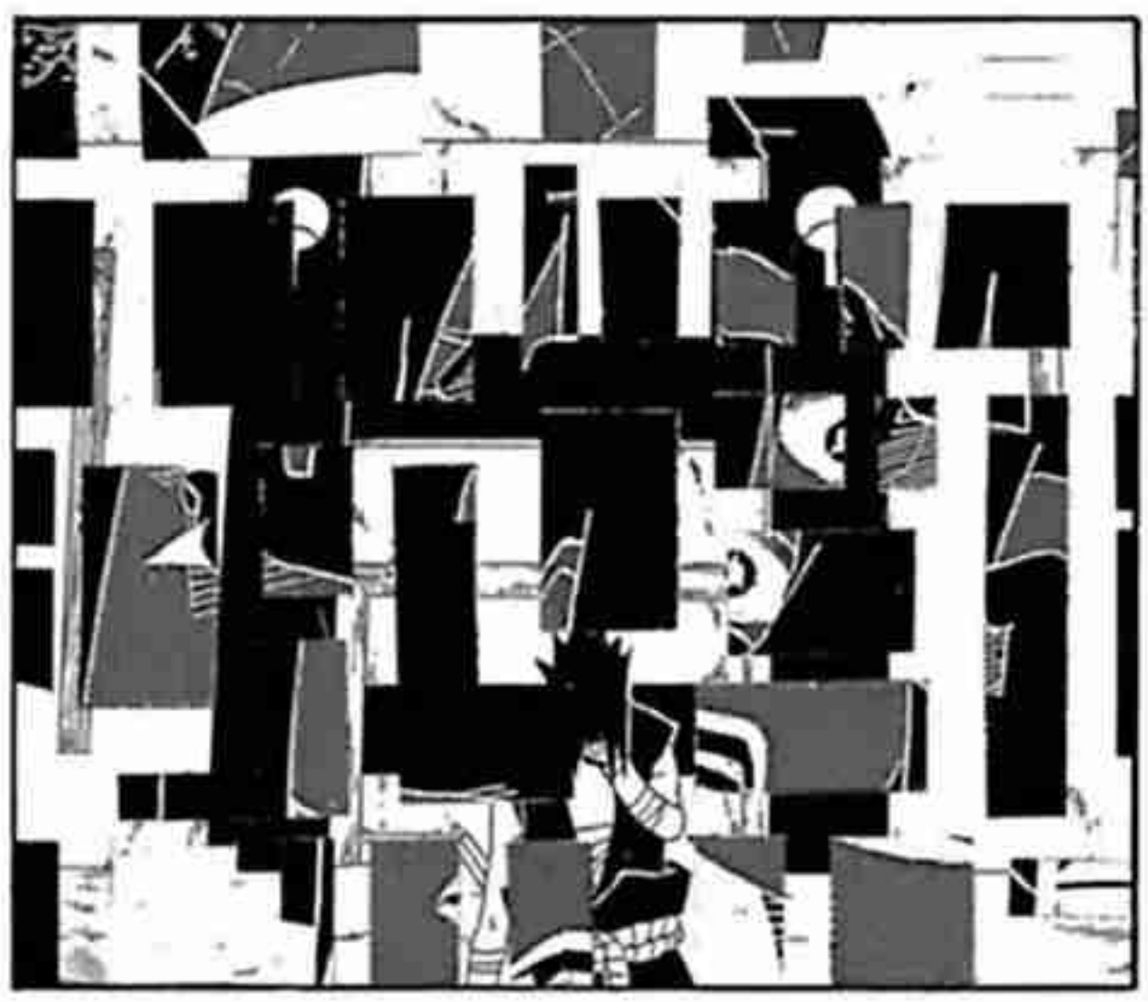
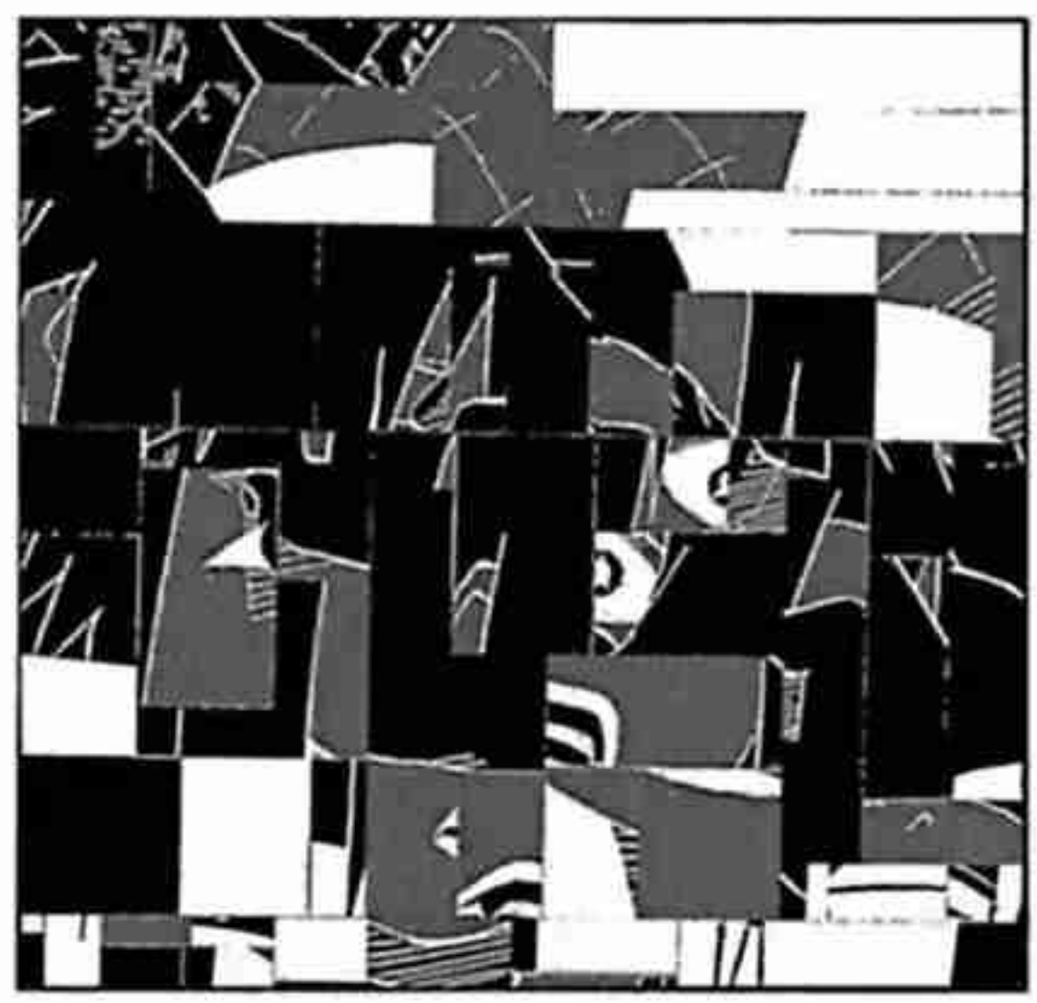
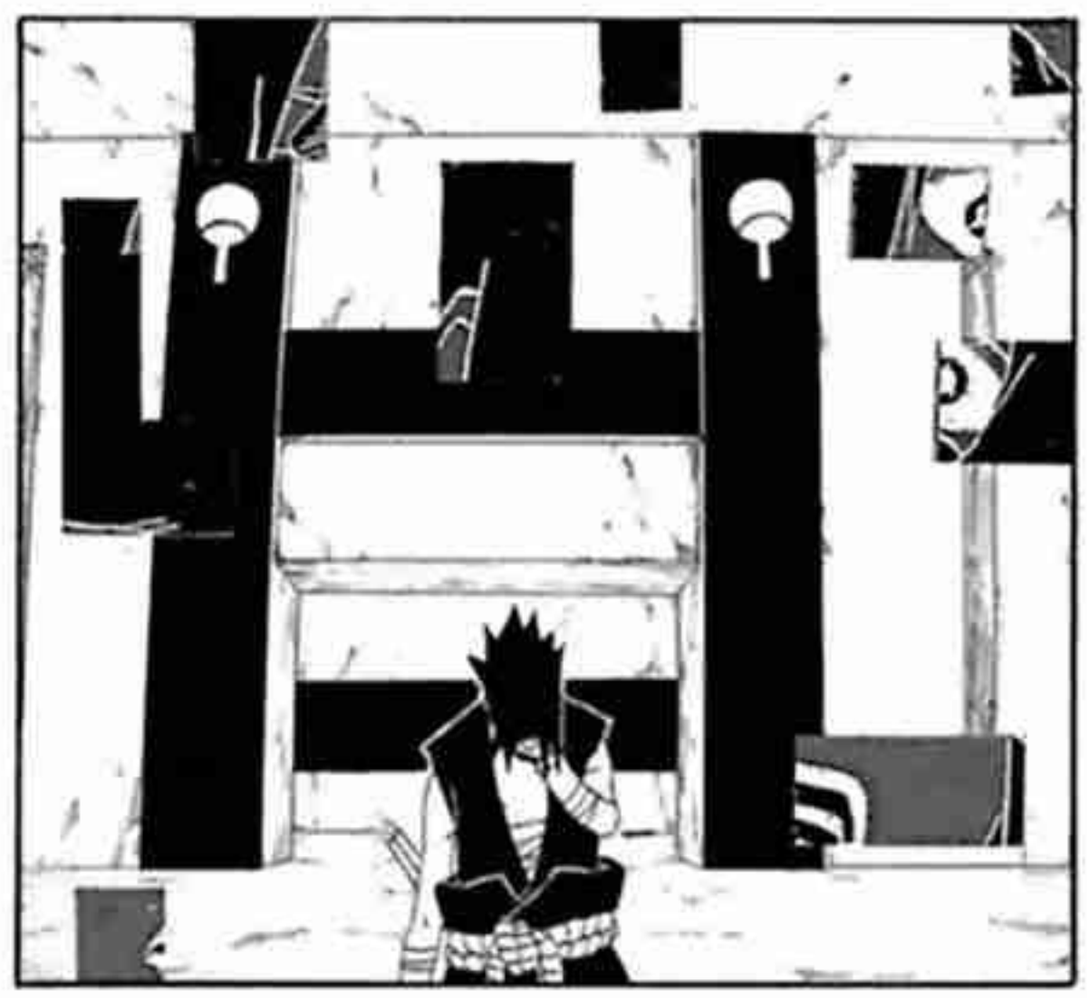
SPLISH
SPLISH





HUF
SSH



HUF

HUF

HOW CAN YOU TELL?

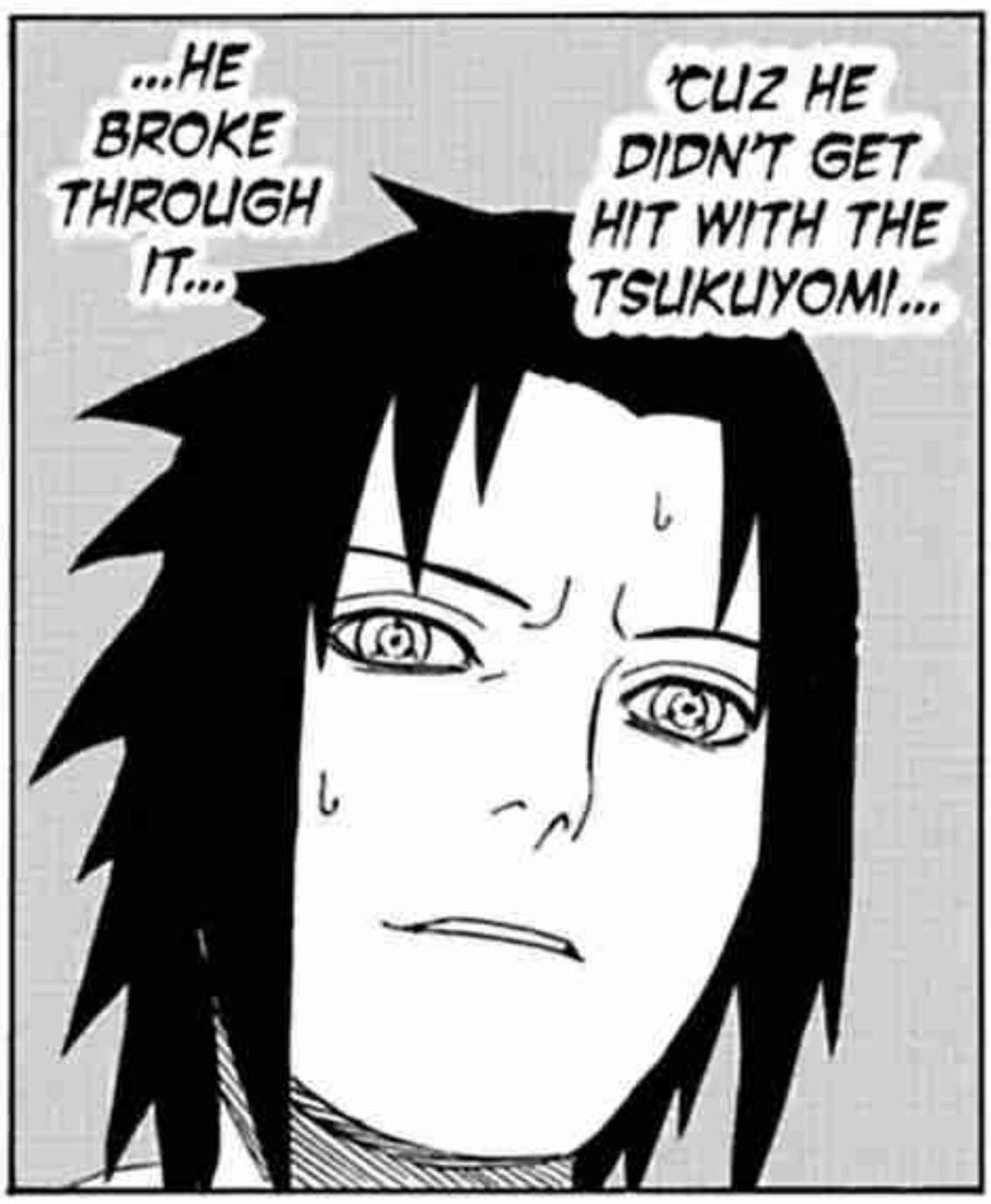
THAT WAS FAST. ITACHI'S WON.

FDUNT
KLUNK

SASUKE'S IN THE TSUKUYOMI.
HE'S PARALYZED. ITACHI CAN DO WHAT-EVER HE WANTS..

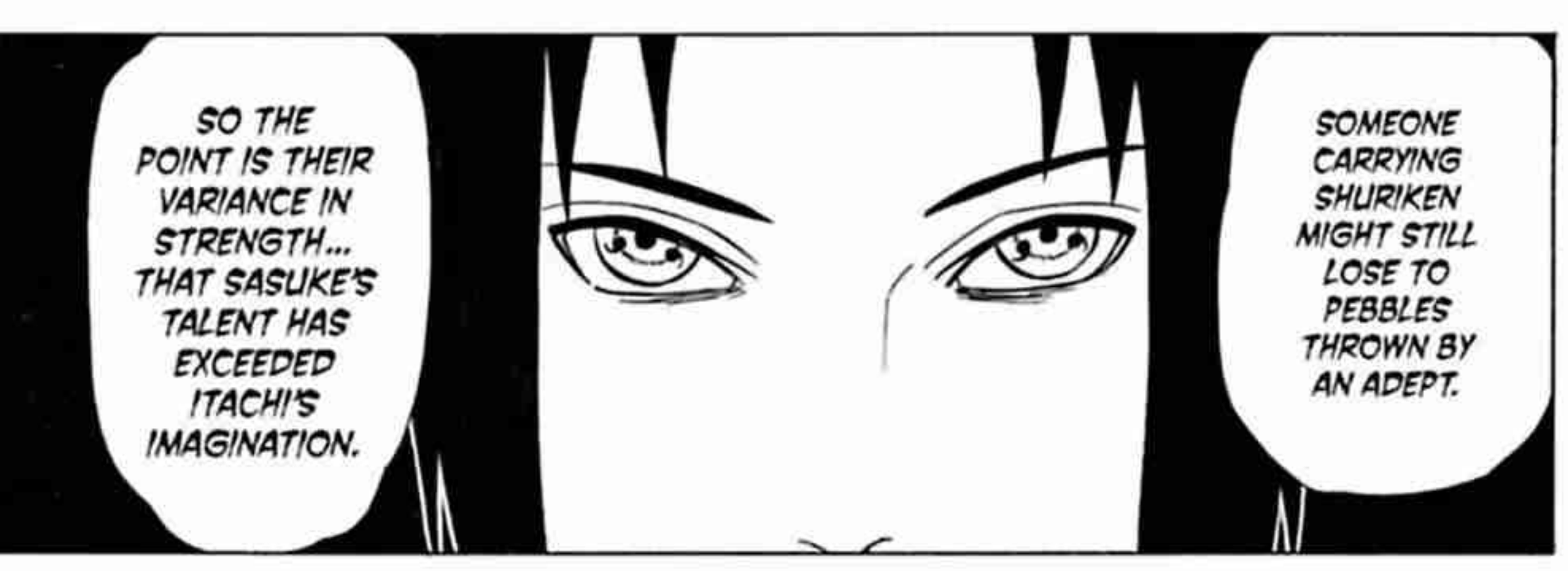
!
HUH?

YOU... BROKE THROUGH MY TSUKUYOMI ...?!



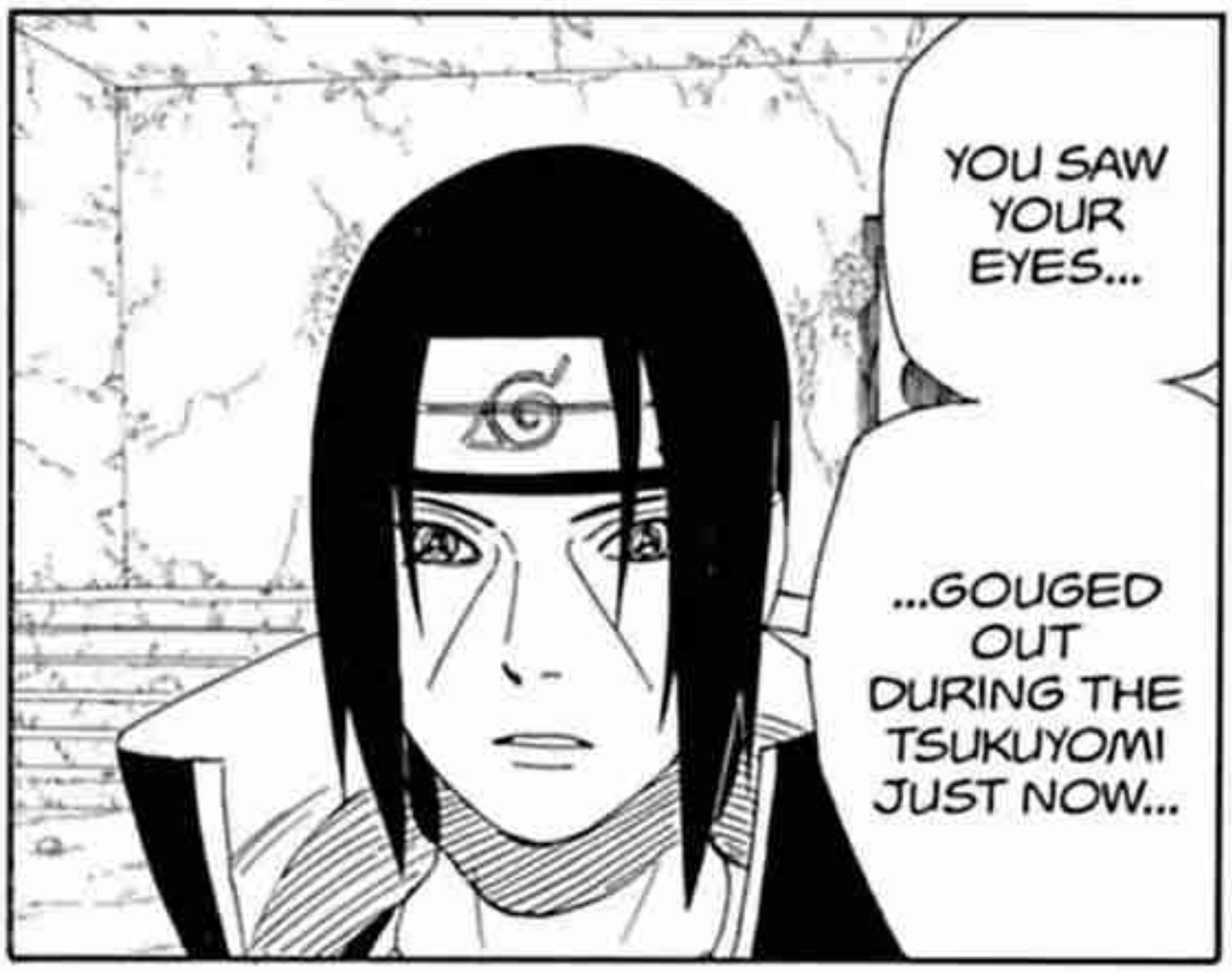
THE ORDINARY SHARINGAN IS STILL A WEAPON.
AND A WEAPON CAN BE EITHER STRONG OR WEAK DEPENDING ON THE ABILITY OF THE PERSON WIELDING IT.

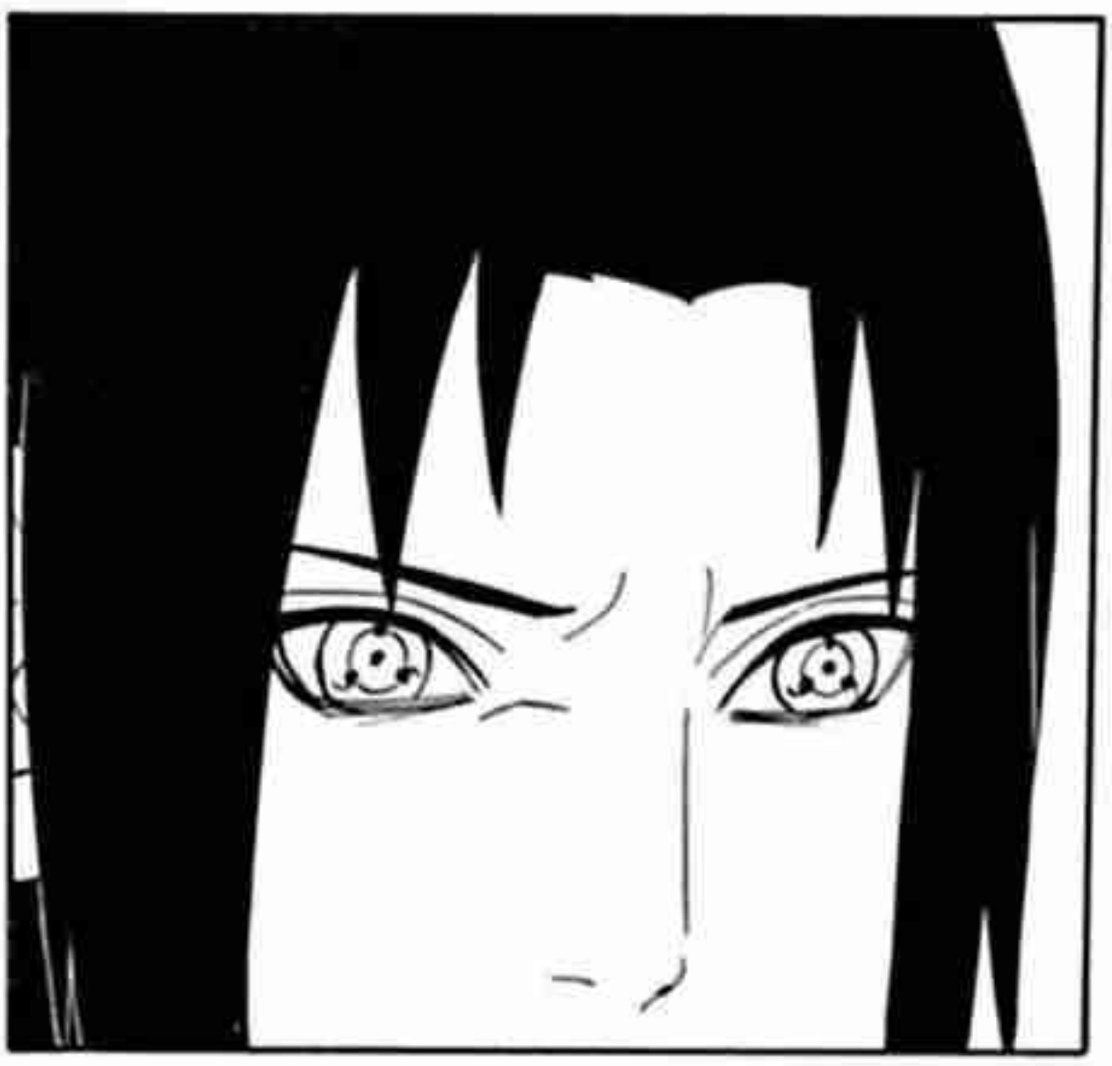
SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAS ORDINARY SHARINGAN ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE MANGEKYO!
WHAT ?!

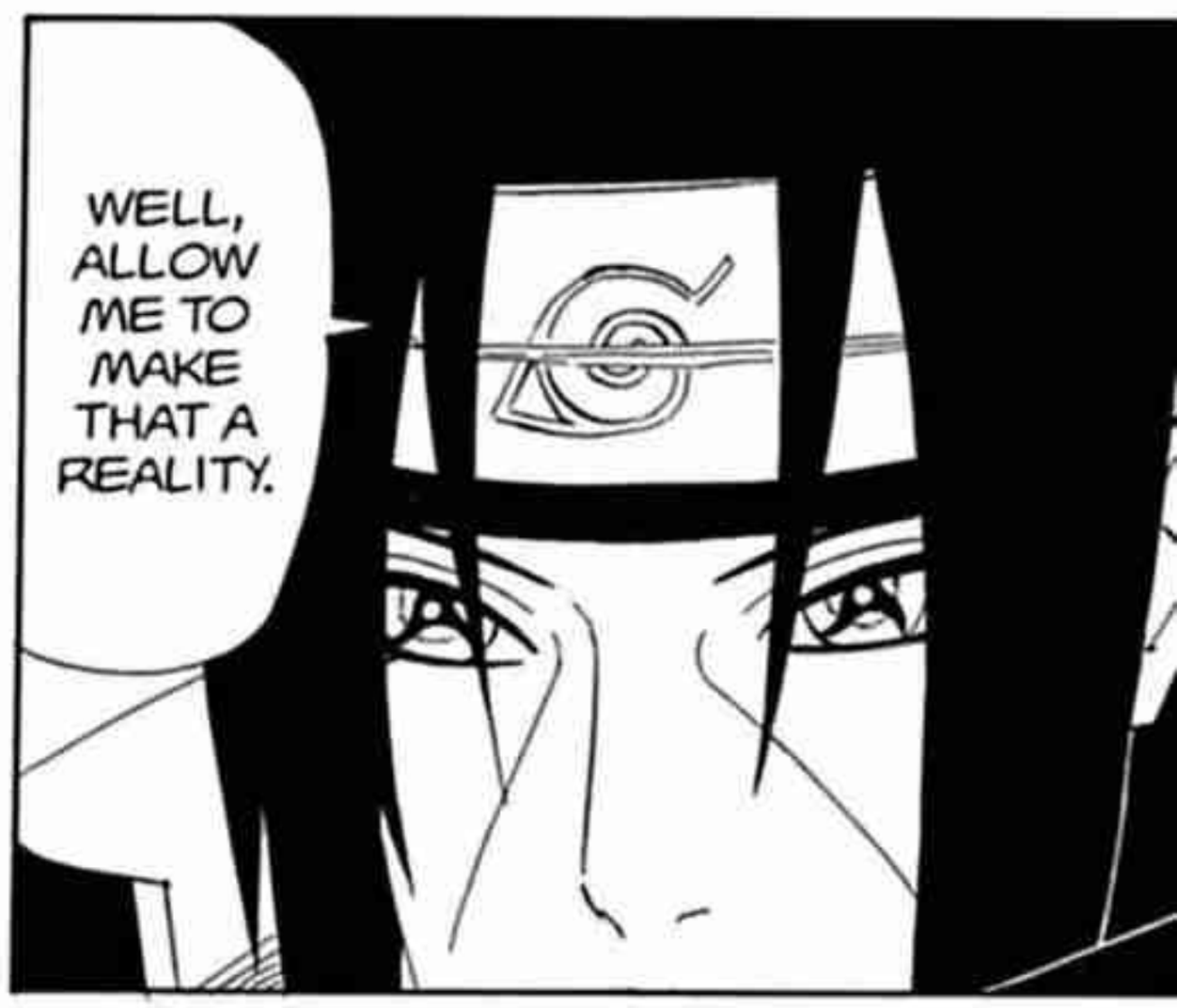

SO THE POINT IS THEIR VARIANCE IN STRENGTH... THAT SASUKE'S TALENT HAS EXCEEDED ITACHI'S IMAGINATION.
SOMEONE CARRYING SHURIKEN MIGHT STILL LOSE TO PEBBLES THROWN BY AN ADEPT.

TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY... EH.
HEH...
FSH
...I'LL USE MY HATRED TO TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE THOSE EYES OF YOURS...

THEN LET ME THROW THOSE WORDS... RIGHT BACK AT YOU.







...WE MIGHT GET TO SEE THE AMATERASU.

THE AIR AROUND ITACHI HAS SHIFTED.
!
IT SEEMS HE'S FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS... WHICH MEANS...

THAT WOULD BE A REAL TREAT! I'M SO GLAD WE DECIDED TO COME HERE!!
WHAT? THE AMATE-RASU?!

FW
P...

NARUTO

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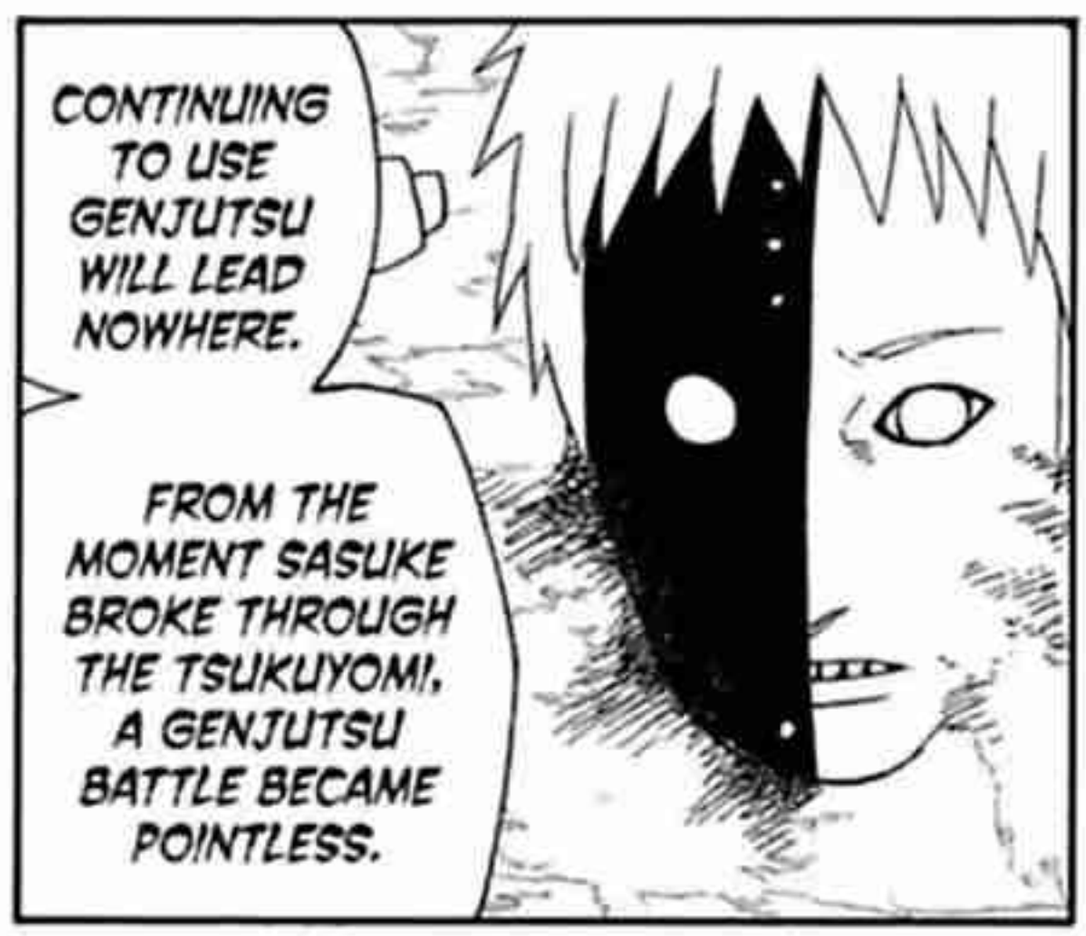
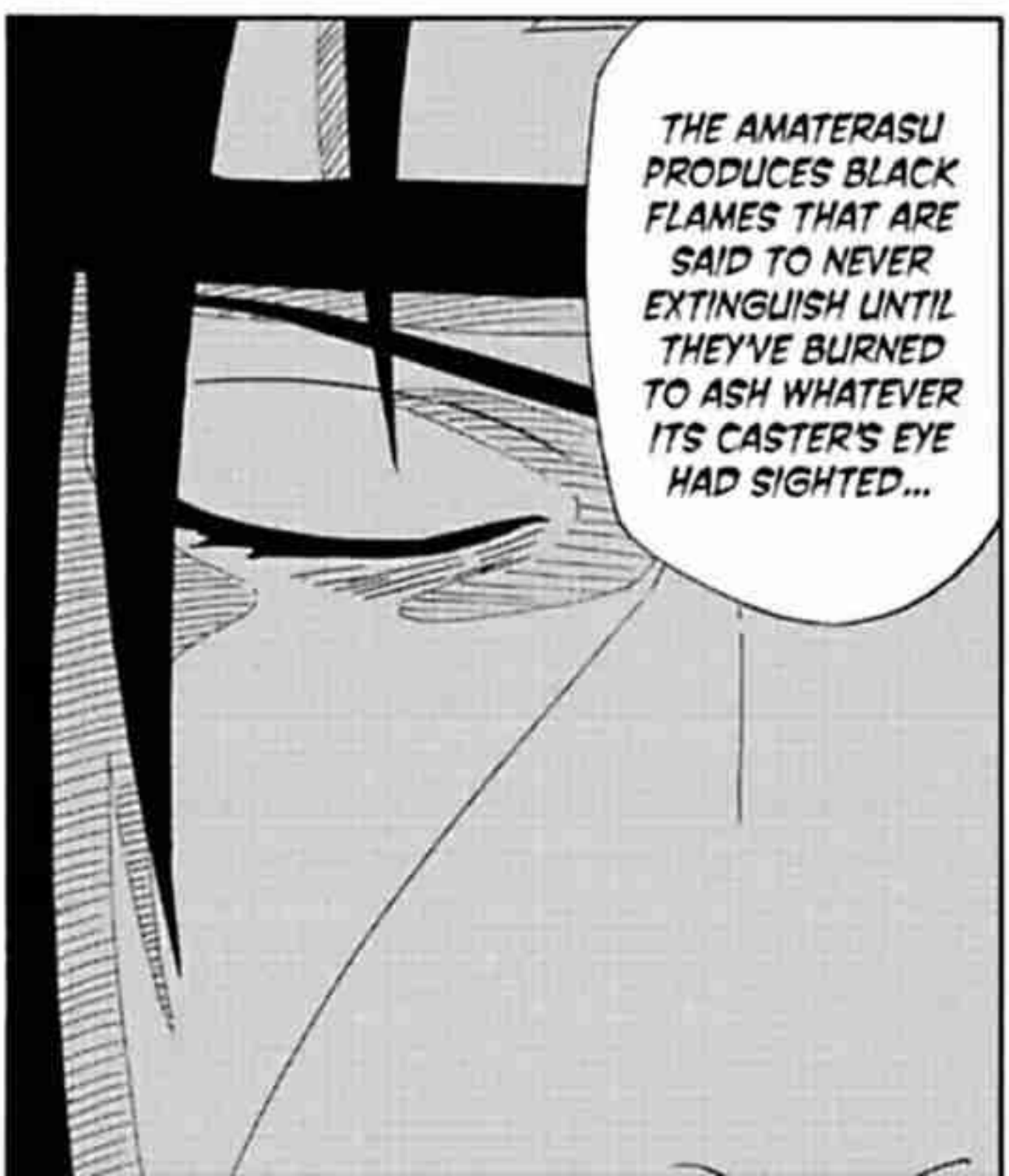
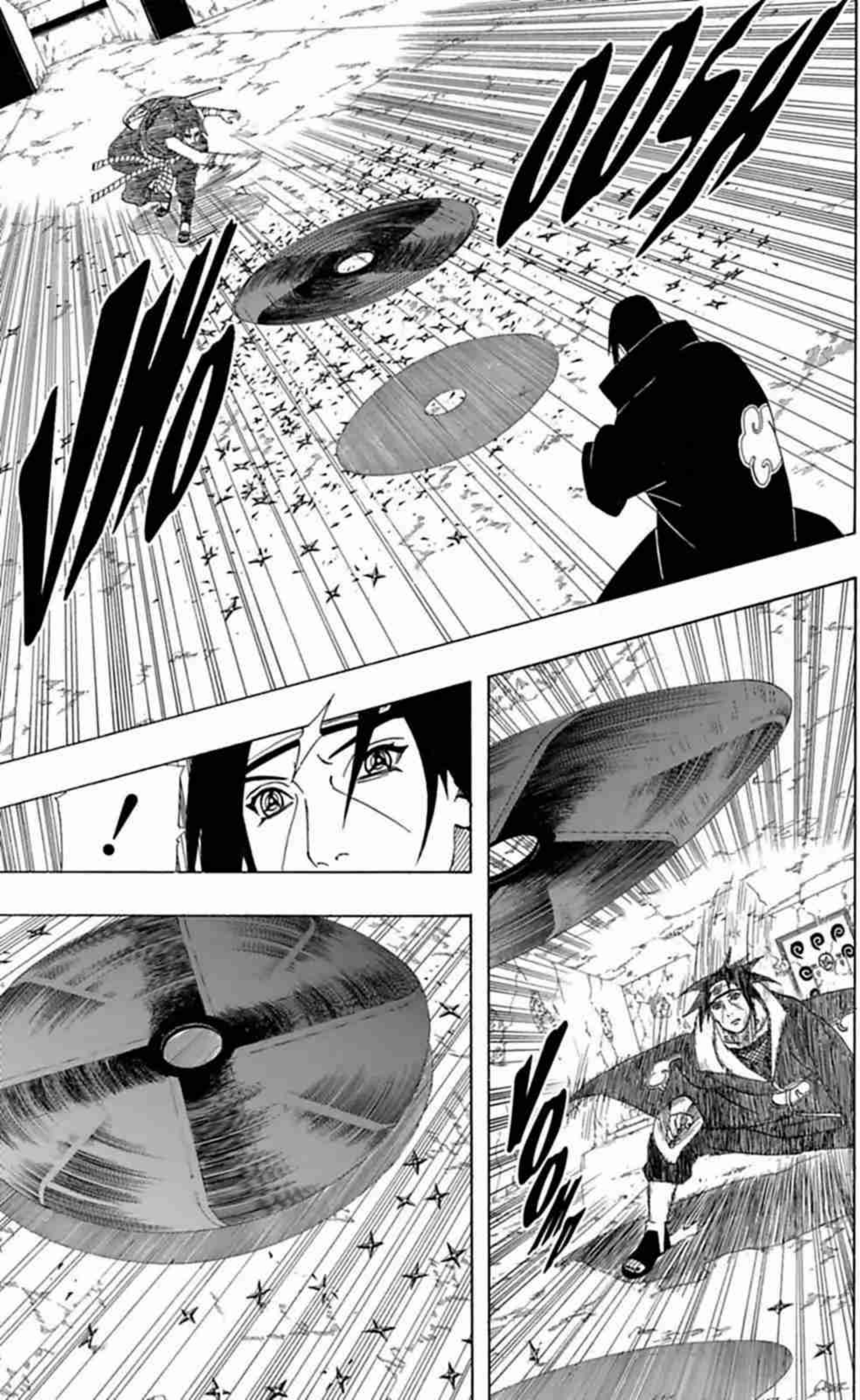




FWP
FWP
ESH
ESH
IN
IS THIS IT, THE AMATE-RASU?!
HOW QUICK! HE'S PLANNING TO NOT LET ITACHI WEAVE SIGNS!
BO


ドスッ
ドゴッ
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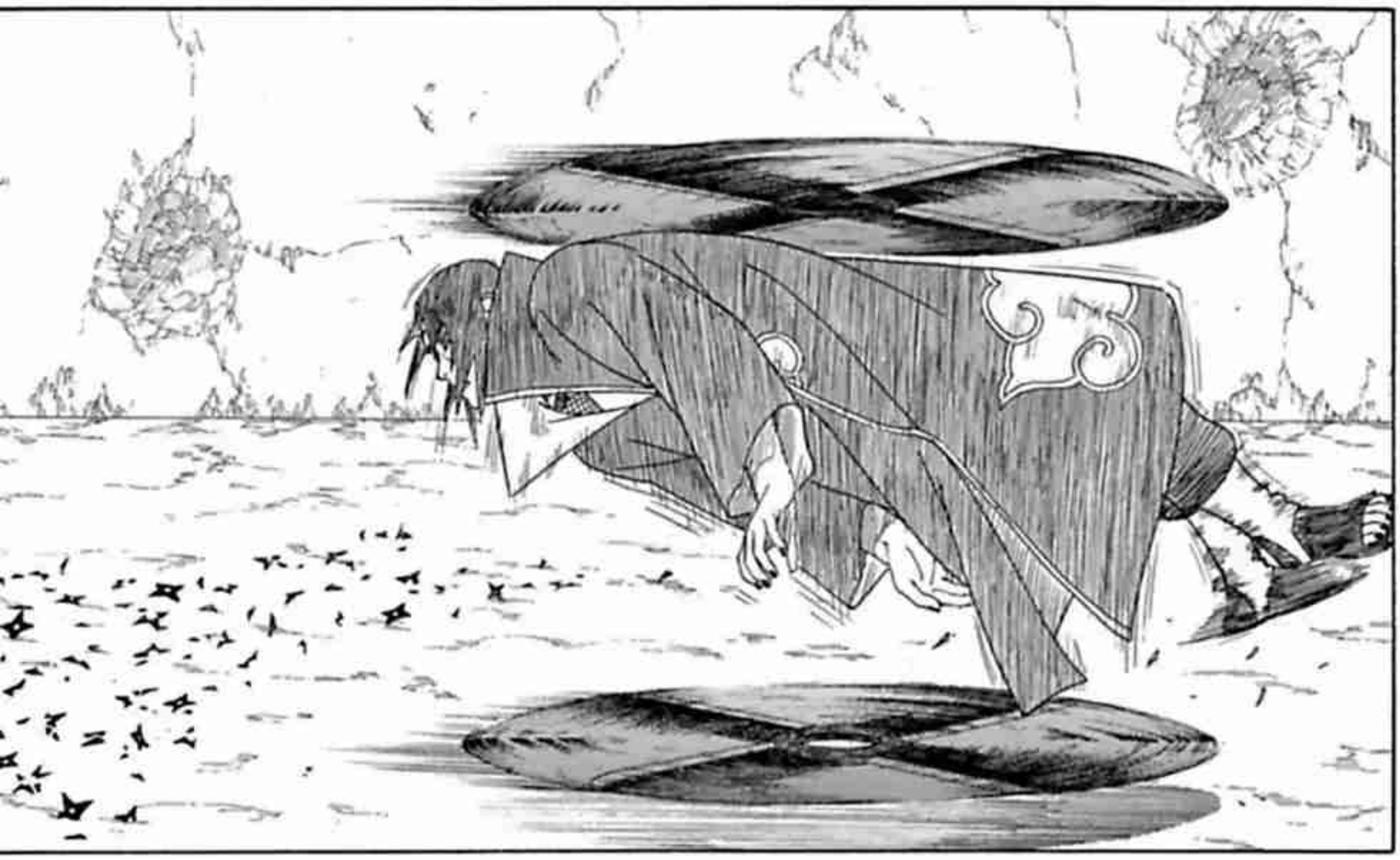
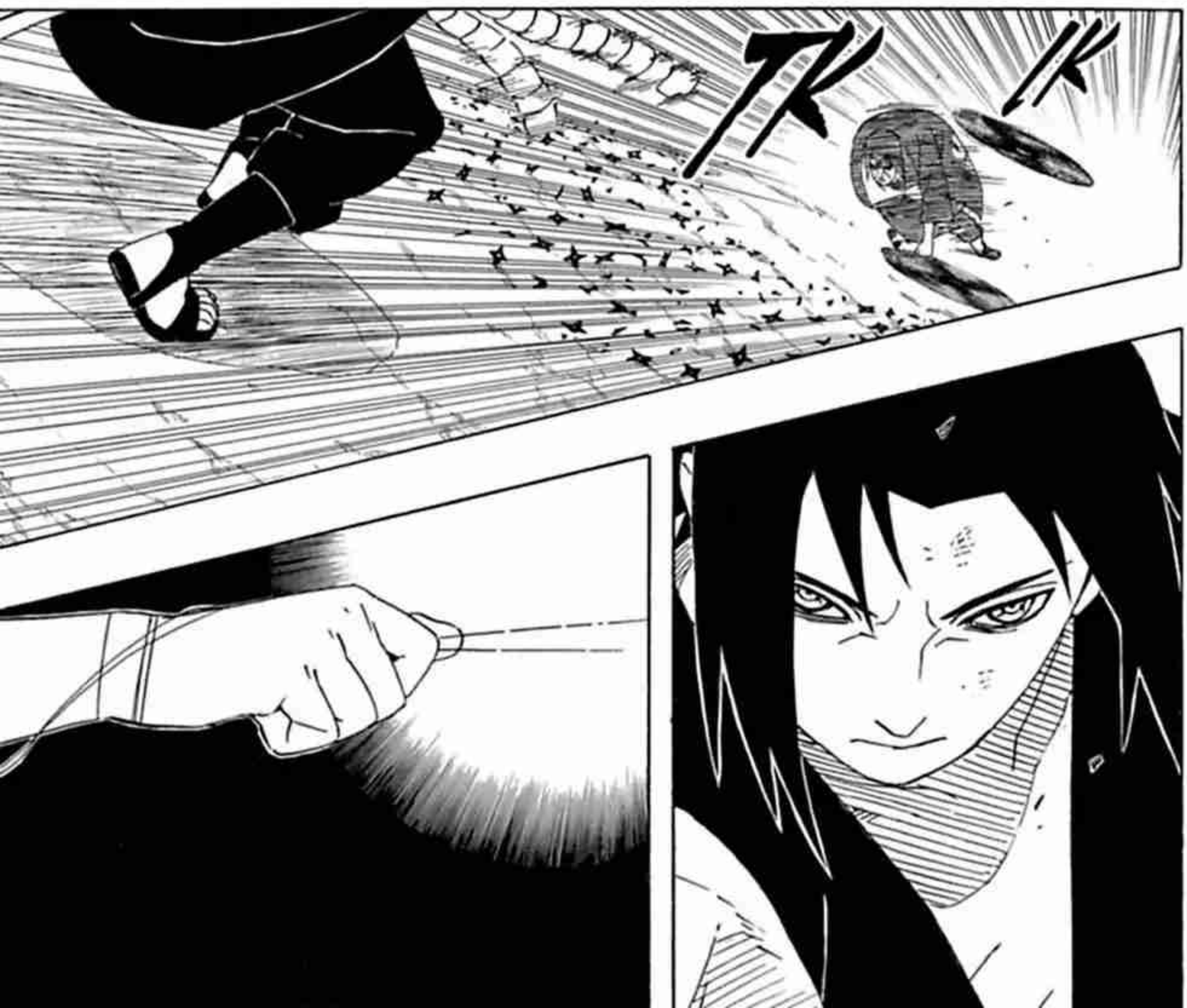
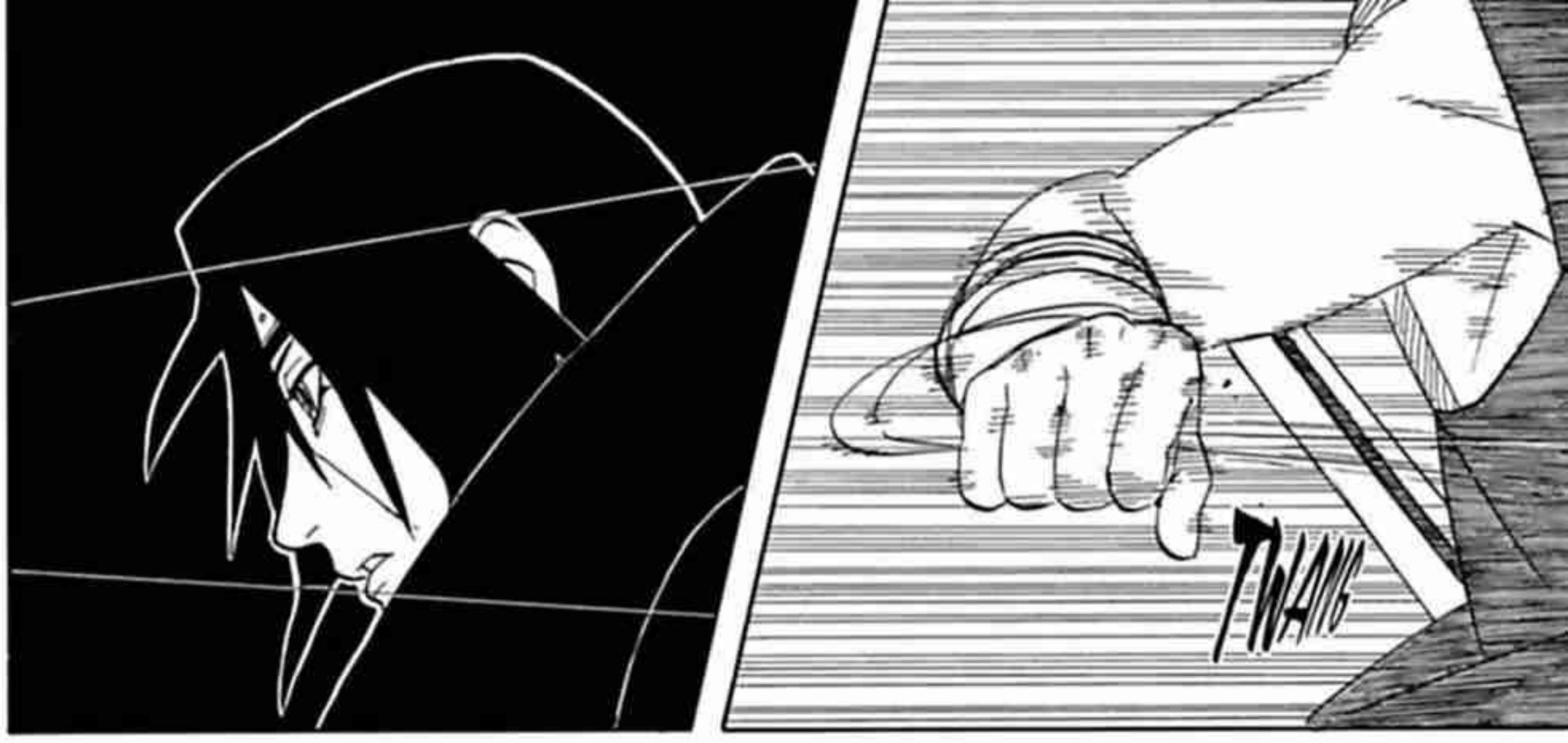
ドカッ

Number 389: Sasuke's Howl

READ THIS WAY






THANG

RIGGED SHURIKEN ?!
KLAK

READ THIS WAY
UGH!
JAB
?!
THO
CK
THO
CK
HUH!
MPF

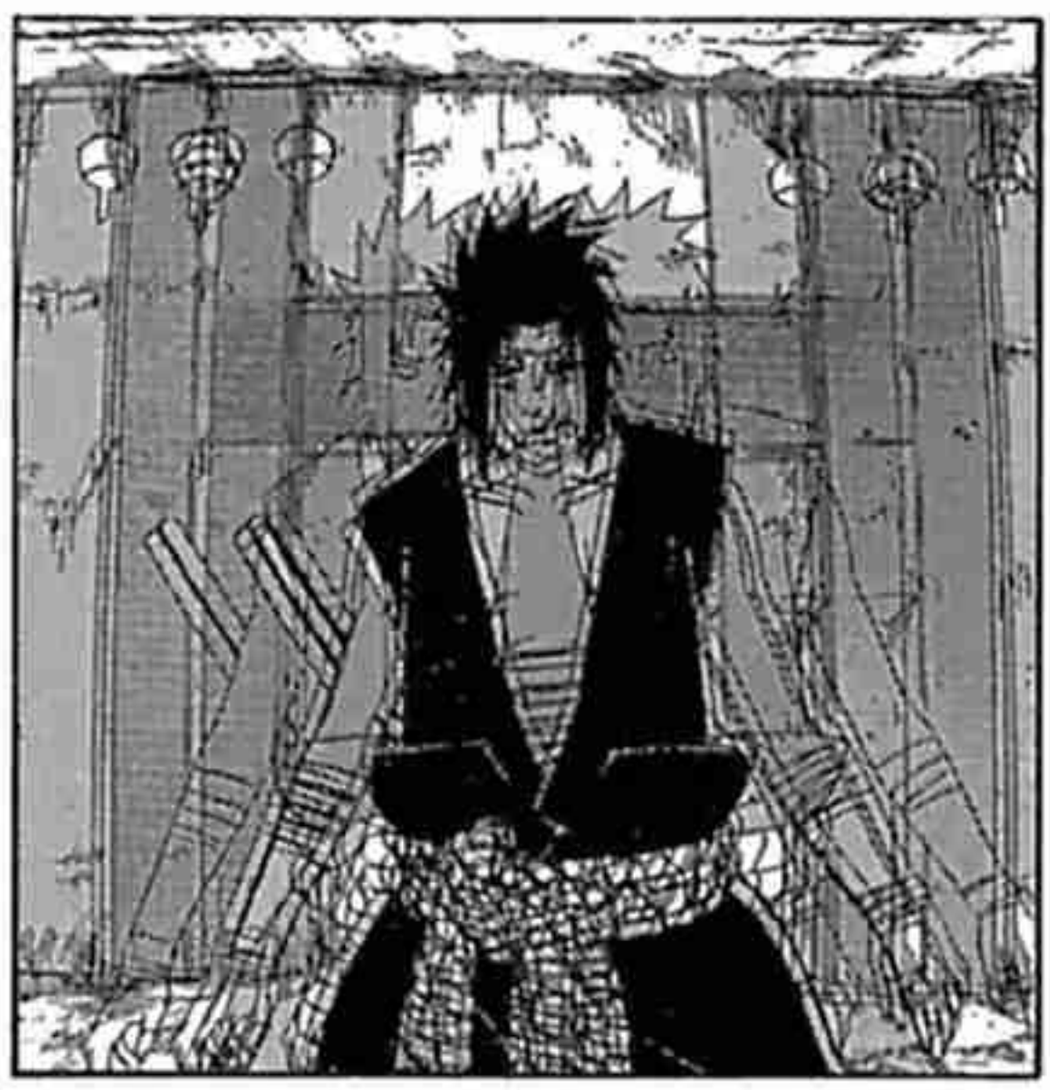
TOK

THOSE LAST SHURIKEN WORKED WELL...
SNIP

THAT'S FUNNY...
NAH... JUST, IT'S NOT LIKE ITACHI TO NOT BE ABLE TO DODGE SUCH THINGS...
WHAT IS IT?
ZWOO

SQUE
UNH...

VNEEN



READ THIS WAY
FDUB
SASUKE MIGHT ACTUALLY WIN THIS THING.
FROM THE MOMENT SASUKE NULLIFIED THE TSUKUYOMI, HE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE FLOW OF THIS BATTLE.
AND HE'S DULLED ITACHI'S MOVEMENTS EVEN FURTHER..
FEELING BACKLASH FROM THE TSUKUYOMI?
HEH.. IT'S A NICE FEELING, FOR ME.
FIRE STYLE !....
TAK
NAH... IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL.

FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!

READ THIS WAY
SHUP
CHIKP CHIKP CHIKP
!!
HAAH!!

WOOSH

KERBLAST

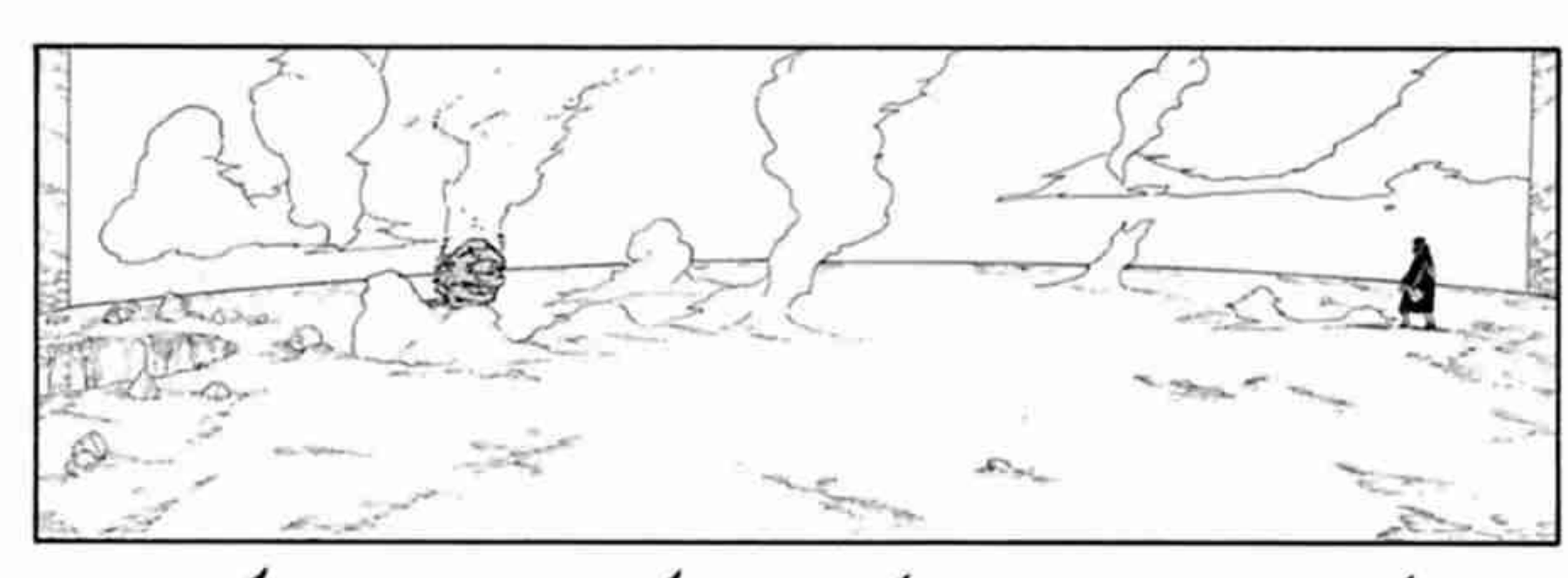
FWOOSH

FWOO
RRROAR

READ
THIS
WAY

PHEW...WE ALMOST GOT CAUGHT IN THAT!
ZWOO...

THESE WOUNDS ARE NOTHING ...
UNH...
ZIZZLE...



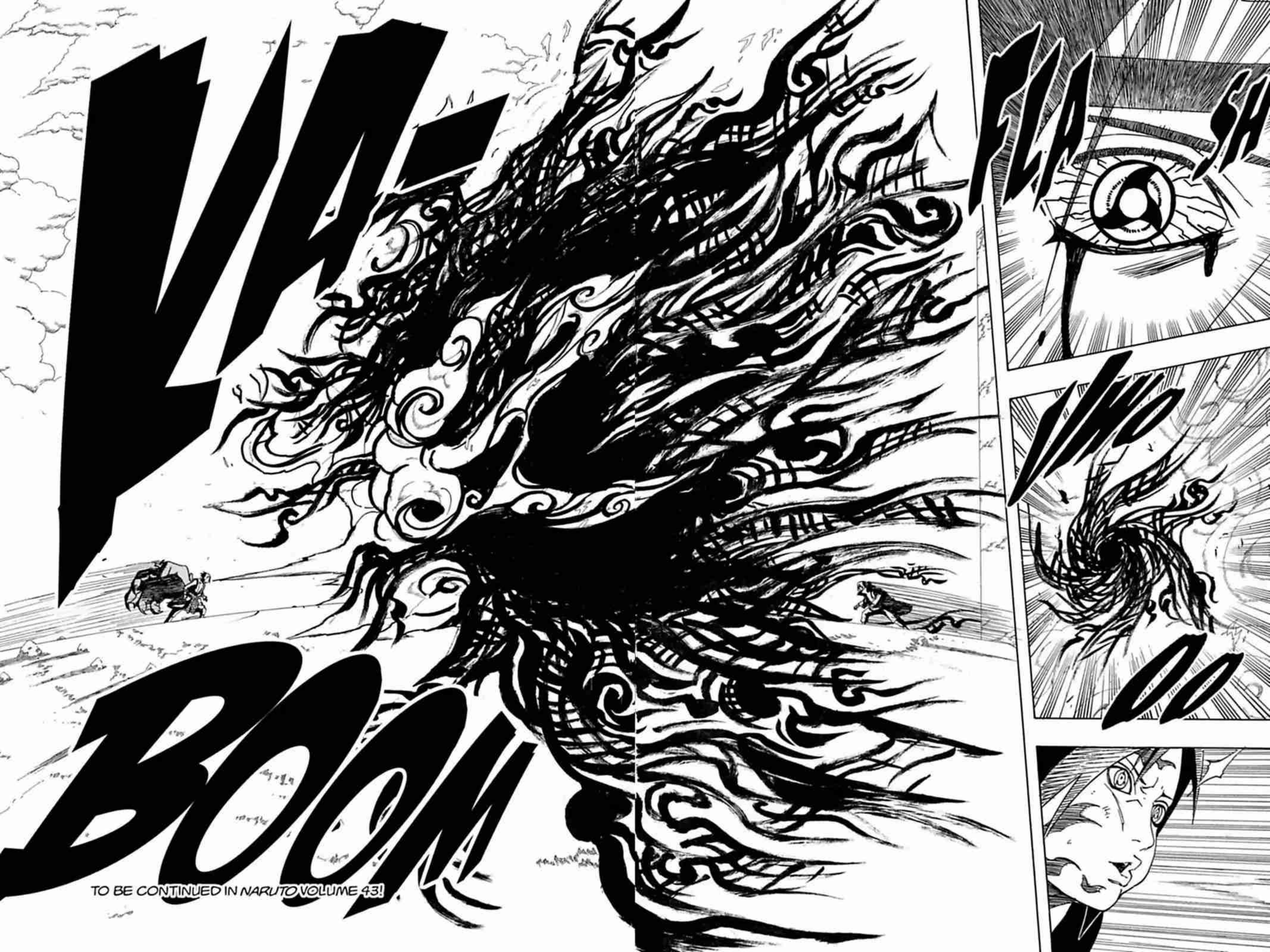
FWP
FWP

FWP
FWP

SWOOOO

FIRE STYLE! FIRE-BALL JUTSU!!

AMATE-
RASU...
SASUKE HAS THE UPPER HAND! I REALLY THINK SASUKE'S GOING TO...
BURR...



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